

REPORT TO: Audit and Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: 17 September 2013

BY: Depute Chief Executive – Resources & People Services

SUBJECT: Internal Audit Progress Report 2013/14

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Audit and Governance Committee of Internal Audit's progress against the annual audit plan for 2013/14.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Audit and Governance Committee note the contents of the Internal Audit Progress Report 2013/14.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's external auditors, in their Interim Management report of April 2013, recommended that Internal Audit should present to the Audit and Governance Committee regular progress reports against the annual audit plan, to support the Audit and Governance Committee in their remit to evaluate Internal Audit's work and identify where reports are outstanding.
- 3.2 The progress made to date is outlined in the attached report.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None
6.2 Personnel - None
6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2013/14

AUDITABLE AREAS	SCOPE OF THE AUDIT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
Gifts and Hospitality Policy	We will review the arrangements in place within departments for compliance with the Council's Policy on Acceptance by Employees of offers of Gifts and Hospitality.	August 2013	Completed
Tyne Esk LEADER Programme	A review will be undertaken of the systems and processes in place for administering the Tyne Esk LEADER Programme.	August 2013	Completed
Review of Statutory Performance Indicators	Internal Audit will review the systems in place for the preparation and reporting of Statutory Performance Indicators.	August 2013	Completed
Payments to Scottish Water	The Council is required by law to bill and collect Scottish Water charges along with Council Tax. We will examine the controls in place in respect of payments made by the Council to Scottish Water.	August 2013	Completed
Review of Previous Years' Work	Internal Audit will review the outcome of our previous years' work to ensure recommendations have been actioned as agreed and that risks accepted by management have been properly managed.	August 2013	Completed
Law and Licensing	We will examine the internal controls in place surrounding the receipt of licence fees.	October 2013	

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Schools Audit	We will examine the financial procedures in place at one school to ensure that internal controls are operating effectively.	October 2013	
Contracts Audit	We will review contracts awarded by the Council to ensure compliance with Standing Orders and Corporate Procurement Procedures.	October 2013	
Insurance and Claims	The Council's insurance arrangements will be reviewed, including the processing of and accounting for claims.	October 2013	
Housing Repairs and Maintenance	The audit will review the arrangements in place for repairs and maintenance carried out by the Council's Property Maintenance section.	October 2013	
East Lothian Investments Ltd	We will examine the internal controls and procedures operating within East Lothian Investments Ltd.	December 2013	
Mobile Payment Devices	We will review the internal controls in place for the use of mobile chip and PIN payment devices recently introduced by the Council's Revenues section.	December 2013	
Residential Units for Young People	We will examine the IT arrangements operating within the Council's Residential Units for Young People to ensure compliance with Council policies and procedures.	December 2013	

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Welfare Reform	We will review the arrangements in place within the Council for the administration of the Scottish Welfare Fund.	December 2013	
National Fraud Initiative	Internal Audit participates in the National Fraud Initiative, which is coordinated for Scottish Local Authorities by Audit Scotland. This initiative seeks to identify potential frauds and overpayments by matching data held within the Council to that held by other bodies.	December 2013	
Housing Allocations	We will review the arrangements in place for Housing Allocations to ensure compliance with the Council's Policy.	February 2014	
Modernisation Programme	We will review the Modernisation/Extensions (Existing Stock) Programme which forms part of the Council's Housing Capital Investment Plan.	February 2014	
Community Care Finance Unit (CCFU)	We will examine the operating arrangements in place for the delivery of services currently undertaken by the CCFU.	February 2014	
Review of Previous Years' Work	Internal Audit will review the outcome of our previous years' work to ensure recommendations have been actioned as agreed and that risks accepted by management have been properly managed.	February 2014	
Creditors	The Council spends significant sums on goods and services. We will review the ordering, receipting and payment procedures in place.	April 2014	

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Housing Revenue Account	We will examine the controls in place for reconciliations undertaken in respect of the Housing Revenue Account.	April 2014	
Journal Processing	We will review the arrangements in place for the authorisation and processing of journal entries.	April 2014	
Trading Operations	The Council has a number of trading operations and we will review the arrangements in place to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.	April 2014	
Procurement – Scheme of Delegation	We will examine the scheme of delegation to ensure that all procurement activity is undertaken by relevant officers with delegated authority.	April 2014	