

REPORT TO: Audit and Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: 14 March 2017

BY: Depute Chief Executive – Resources & People Services

SUBJECT: Internal Audit Progress Report 2016/17

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Audit and Governance Committee of Internal Audit's progress against the annual audit plan for 2016/17.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Audit and Governance Committee note the contents of the Internal Audit Progress Report 2016/17.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This report is prepared to assist the Committee in their remit to evaluate Internal Audit's work and measure progress against the annual audit plan.
- 3.2 The progress made to date is outlined in the attached report.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

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 2016/17

AUDIT REPORTS	SCOPE OF THE AUDIT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
Housing Voids	We will assess the arrangements in place for the management and reporting of housing voids.	September 2016	Completed
Contracts Audit	We will examine a sample of contracts to ensure that the Council's Corporate Procurement Procedures have been properly complied with.	September 2016	Completed
Road Services Contracts	We will examine the arrangements in place for the procurement and monitoring of contracts within Road Services.	November 2016	Completed
Public Services Network (PSN)	We will evaluate the Council's security arrangements, policies and controls to ensure PSN compliance.	November 2016	Completed
Property Maintenance – Housing Repairs	Our review will cover both housing repairs undertaken directly by Property Maintenance and work allocated to external contractors.	November 2016	Completed
Funding – Third Sector Organisations	We will continue our review of the partnership arrangements in place with Third Sector Organisations and assess if the Council is getting value for money from grants awarded to Third Sector Organisations. In 2016/17 we will examine the grant awards made by Children's Wellbeing.	November 2016	Completed

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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.	November 2016	Completed
Schools Audit	We will examine the internal controls operating within one secondary school in East Lothian.	January 2017	Completed
Prevention of Tenancy Fraud	We will review the adequacy and effectiveness of the arrangements in place for the prevention of tenancy fraud, including a review of tenancy changes.	January 2017	Completed
Income – Waste Services	We will review the current arrangements in place for the collection and re-sale of recycled materials.	January 2017	Completed
PPP Contract Monitoring	A review will be undertaken of the arrangements in place for the performance monitoring of the PPP contract.	January 2017	Completed
Gas Servicing and Maintenance	We will review the adequacy and effectiveness of the contractual arrangements in place for undertaking gas servicing and maintenance of all Council properties (both HRA and non HRA).	January 2017	Ongoing

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Freedom of Information (FOI)	We will carry out a review of the arrangements in place to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and timescales for responding to FOI requests.	March 2017	Completed
Review of Performance Indicators	Internal Audit will continue to review the systems in place for the preparation and reporting of Performance Indicators.	March 2017	Completed
Home to School Transport	We will examine the payments made to operators for Home to School transport for both Mainstream and Additional Support Needs pupils to ensure compliance with the contract rates in place.	March 2017	Completed
Internal Audit Plan 2017/18	Internal Audit will present the detailed operational Audit Plan for 2017/18 for approval to the Audit and Governance Committee.	March 2017	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.	March 2017	Ongoing
Workforce Planning	We will review the processes and controls in place for managing secondments and 'acting up' roles.	March 2017	Ongoing

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Information Security	We will carry out an assessment of the arrangements in place within the Council to ensure that information is appropriately controlled.	January 2017	
Fuel Management	We will review the fuel management arrangements in place at the Council's fuel depots.	March 2017	
Capital Projects – Payment Certificates	We will review the issuing, authorisation and payment of interim and final certificates for capital projects.	June 2017	
Housing Rents	We will examine the processes and controls in place for housing rents.	June 2017	
Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction	We will examine the systems in place for the processing, assessment and payment of Housing Benefit and the award of Council Tax Reduction.	June 2017	
Annual Internal Audit Report 2016/17	We will present the Annual Internal Audit Report based on Internal Audit activity undertaken for financial year 2016/17, as required by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.	June 2017	
Controls Assurance Statement 2016/17	Internal Audit will provide an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk management and control for the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.	June 2017	