



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	3 NOVEMBER 2016
REPORT OF THE:	FINANCE MANAGER (s151) PETER JOHNSON
TITLE OF REPORT:	INTERNAL AUDIT – FIRST PROGRESS REPORT 2016/17
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report summarises the outcome of internal audit work undertaken between 1 April 2016 and 20 October 2016, inclusive.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 It is recommended the Committee note the results of audit work undertaken as part of 2016/17 audit plan.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibility for considering the outcome of internal audit work.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 The Council will fail to comply with proper practice requirements for internal audit and the Council's Audit Charter if the results of audit work are not considered by an appropriate Committee.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The work of internal audit supports the council's overall aims and priorities by promoting probity, integrity and honesty and by helping support the council to become a more effective organisation.

6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The work of internal audit is governed by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and relevant professional standards. These include the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and CIPFA guidance on the application of those standards in Local Government. In accordance with the standards, the Head of Internal Audit is required to report on the results of audit work undertaken.

- 6.2 Veritau is progressing in the delivery of the agreed internal audit plan. Within the report there is a summary of progress made against the plan and information on planned start dates for the remaining work. Draft timings for future 2016/17 audits have been discussed and agreed with officers. There are no significant delays anticipated and therefore the programme of work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- 6.3 In the period between 1 April 2016 and 20 October 2016 one internal audit review has been completed. Work is also ongoing on 3 other areas and is being planned for 4 audits. It is expected all audits will have had draft reports issued by the end of April 2017.
- 6.4 It is important that agreed actions are formally followed-up to ensure that they have been implemented by managers. The internal audit team carries out follow-up work throughout the year and escalates any issues that have not been addressed, with senior managers. Where necessary, the issues will also be brought to the attention of this committee. There are no matters to report so far from the work following up findings in 2016/17.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial
None
 - b) Legal
None
 - c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)
None

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Background Papers:
2016/17 Internal Audit Plan