

Subject:	Internal Audit Progress Report	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Audit and Accounts Committee	Date:	14 March 2017
Report of:	Head of Internal Audit (Internal Audit Service)	Portfolio Holder:	Resources and Performance
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION
1.1	The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit progress report for the period to the end of February 2017.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To support the Audit and Accounts Committee in fulfilling its responsibility to monitor performance against the internal audit plan, and to consider a summary of internal audit activity and the level of assurance it gives over the council's governance, risk management and internal control arrangements.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters addressed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
 - **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
 - **Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report addresses the adequacy of the council's management of risks in respect of the areas subject to audit.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 In the context of fulfilling its responsibility to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service, and to review internal audit reports, the Committee is asked to consider the assurance provided by the Internal Audit Service.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 Any financial implications are commented upon in the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 Any legal implications are commented upon in the report.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

8.1 Reported findings have been discussed and agreed, including management responses to the recommendations, with respective service managers and heads of service prior to reporting.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The audit programme is progressing in line with the plan.

No background papers