

**Subject:** Internal Audit Progress Report

**Status:** For Publication

**Report to:** Audit and Accounts Committee

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

**Report of:** Head of Internal Audit

**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Finance and Resources

**Key Decision:** No

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To present the internal audit progress report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:-

- Delivering quality Services to our customers
- Providing value for money services

**3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

The Committee's Terms of Reference include the duty to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service and to review internal audit reports

#### **4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1 In the context of fulfilling its responsibility to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service, the Committee is asked to consider the audit inputs to the Audit Service assurance over the Authority's key controls.
- 4.2 The report, at Appendix A, provides a summary of internal audit activity during the 7 months to 31<sup>st</sup> October of the 2009/10 financial year.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

#### **5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 5.1 Financial considerations are included in the main body of the report and appendix.

#### **6. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 6.1 Legal and governance matters are dealt with in the main body of the report.

#### **7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 7.1 There are no HR implications.

#### **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 The audit programme is progressing in line with the plan.

#### **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit progress report for the seven months to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

#### **10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 10.1 N/A

#### **11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Community Impact Assessment required No

Is a Community Impact Assessment attached No

#### **12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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No background papers