

Subject:	Internal Audit Progress Report	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Audit and Accounts Committee	Date:	20 th March 2018
Report of:	Head of Internal Audit (Internal Audit Service)	Portfolio Holder:	Resources and Customer Services
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(S)
1.1	The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit progress report for the period to the end of December 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 discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale:** our priority is to keep Rossendale clean and green for all of Rossendale's residents and visitors, and to take available opportunities to recycle and use energy from renewable sources more efficiently.
- **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
- **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

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