

Subject:	Internal Audit Progress Report – Quarter 1 (1 April to 31 June 2019)		
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2019		
Report of:	Executive Director, Finance & Resources		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on all internal audit and counter fraud activity completed during the quarter, including a summary of all key audit findings. The report also includes details of progress on delivery of the annual audit plan along with an update on the performance of the internal audit service during the period.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

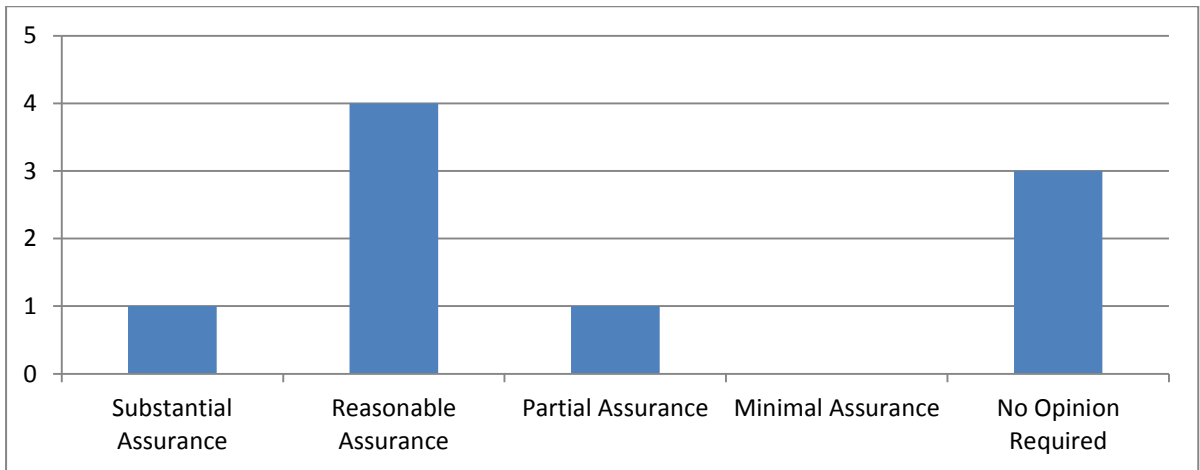
- 2.1 Members are asked to note the report and consider any further action required in response to the issues raised.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The current annual plan for internal audit is contained within the Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2019/20 which was approved by the Audit and Standards Committee on 12 March 2019.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Internal Audit is on target to deliver 90% of the approved audit plan as per the key performance indicator.
- 4.2 Key audit findings from final reports issued during Quarter 1 are detailed in Appendix A and the opinions given are summarised in the chart below. There was one substantial assurance, four reasonable assurance and one partial assurance reports. In addition there were three pieces of audit work which did not require an assurance opinion.



- 4.3 Formal follow up reviews continue to be carried out for all audits where ‘minimal assurance’ opinions have been given and for higher risk areas receiving ‘partial assurance’.
- 4.4 Appendix A also provides details of counter fraud investigations completed, information on the tracking of high priority actions and progress against our performance targets.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 None.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 It is expected that the Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Plan 2019/20 will be delivered within existing budgetary resources. Progress against the plan and action taken in line with actions support the robustness and resilience of the council’s practices and procedures in support of the council’s overall financial position.

Finance Officer Consulted: James Hengeveld

Date: 29/08/19

Legal Implications:

7.2 *The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Council to ‘undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards’. It is a legitimate part of the Audit and Standards Committee’s role to review the level of work completed and planned by internal audit.*

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert

Date: 29/082019

Equalities Implications:

7.3 There are no direct equalities implications.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 There are no direct sustainability implications.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Quarter 1 Progress Report 2019/20

Background Documents

1. Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Strategic Plan 2019/20.

