

South Northamptonshire Council

Audit Committee

21 November 2019

Internal Audit Update 2019/20

Report of the Executive Director - Finance

This report is public

Purpose of report

To receive the CW Audit Service Update report for 2019/20.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to note the contents of the 2019/20 internal audit progress report from CW Audit Services.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Internal Audit undertakes a programme of work each year which is produced in consultation with senior management. The plan is monitored for progress during the year and regular reports and updates are provided to the Committee.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Joint Arrangements Steering Group considered the last separation proposal (HR) in the summer and new arrangements are now in place from 1 November. With the main proposals all implemented the opportunity has been taken to review the internal audit recommendations and their due dates. Resources are now in place in key areas such as information management (GDPR) and HR – and the recommendations will now be implemented as set out in the Internal Audit Progress Report November 2019 (Appendix 1).

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The progress report provides updates on the work programme for Internal Audit 2019/20. This work programme will assist the Committee in gaining further assurance on the Council's internal controls.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified.

Option 1: Members may choose to seek additional information from CW audit services and officers.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Legal Implications

7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Risk Management Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected All wards are affected

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework All corporate plan themes.

Lead Councillor None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	CW Audit Services Progress Report November 2019
Background Papers	
None	
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