

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2016

INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY UPDATE

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ABSTRACT

This report provides the Internal Audit Activity update on the main findings of internal audit reports issued since the date of the last Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) Consider the update on progress with the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan and agree the amendments to the plan.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/ COPORATE PLAN

The Angus Council Plan contains a number of priorities that our 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan seeks to provide assurance on. This includes areas such as Health and Social Care Integration as well as Welfare Reform. Our corporate governance reviews will also provide assurance on governance aspects that underpin corporate priorities.

3. BACKGROUND

Introduction

The annual internal audit plans were ratified by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee and a progress report is submitted to each meeting of the Committee. The report outlines progress in delivering the plan and provides a summary of the audit reports issued during the reporting period.

Internal Audit issues a formal report for each audit undertaken as part of the annual audit plan. Each audit report contains an action plan which incorporates all the recommendations made. This action plan, prepared under SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timed) criteria, is agreed with management who nominate persons responsible for taking forward the actions and who set their own completion date for each action. This agreed action plan forms an integral part of the final audit report and audit recommendations are ranked to indicate materiality.

As part of the ongoing audit process, internal audit review the implementation of the recommendations utilising the agreed action plan as the base for the follow up audit. A follow up report is reported quarterly. The next update is due to be presented at the March 2016 Scrutiny and Audit Committee meeting.

4. CURRENT POSITION

Work continues within the Internal Audit team to progress those audits which form part of the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan agreed by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in April 2015. The overall plan remains achievable providing the amendments proposed in the update report are accepted by Members and there is no additional call on, or change to resources.

5. PROPOSALS

The attached report provides Scrutiny and Audit Committee members with an update on progressing the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan. The Committee is asked to note this report and agree the proposed amendments.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Internal Audit Update Report