



Audit Committee	Wednesday, 25 January 2023	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Internal Audit Progress Report (January 2023)**

Report Author(s): **Tracy Bingham (Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To give an update on Internal Audit's progress on delivering the 2022/23 audit plan.
Report Summary:	Significant assurance opinion provided for audits of risk management, counter fraud & corruption, safeguarding and homelessness. Moderate assurance opinion provided for project & programme management. Summary of recommendation tracking results.
Recommendation(s):	That the progress made in delivering the 2022/23 Audit Plan be noted.
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Corporate Objectives:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
Vision and Values:	"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Accountability (V1)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Key Supplier / Partnership Failure (CR2) Reputation Damage (CR4) Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings (CR5) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Increased Fraud (CR10)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.

Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. OWBC IA Progress Report – January 2023

1. Information

- 1.1 The Internal Audit Progress Report attached at **Appendix 1** provides an overall summary of the work undertaken to date relating to the audit plan.
- 1.2 The activities to be reviewed throughout the financial year are listed in Table 4 of the Progress Report. The quarter in which the work is to be started is shown along with the current progress status. Internal Audit then provides an opinion on the level of assurance that is given once the work has been completed.
- 1.3 Internal Audit progress reports are presented to every meeting of the Audit Committee so Members can be kept up to date with Internal Audit work and findings.
- 1.4 Under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 151 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011(as amended), the Council has a responsibility to maintain an adequate and effective Internal Audit function. At Oadby and Wigston Borough Council this responsibility is delivered by CW Audit Services.
- 1.5 In responding to this requirement, the Internal Audit service works to best practice as set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (2017), which is published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).