



Title: **Internal Audit Progress Report 2015/16**

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1. Introduction

This report summarises the work of Internal Audit for 2015/16, to the end of September, and is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

- 1 That Members note the content of the Progress Report for 2015/16.
- 2 The internal audit contract with CW Audit Services be extended until 31 March 2017.

3. Information

- 1 The Internal Audit Plan for 2015/16 totals 254 days and includes 26 reviews that are planned to be conducted in year. There has also been five reviews from the previous year's programme which either ran into or were deferred to 2015/16. To the end of September 2015 Internal Audit have issued two final and two draft reports with twelve other audits in progress and at various stages of completion.

The purpose of the Report is to:

- Show progress against the Audit Plan
- Summarise key findings and conclusions arising from the work performed during the period.

Appendix 1 gives details of the audits completed so far in 2015/16 and provides information on the audit recommendations.

- 2 The current contract for the provision of the internal audit function ends on 31 March 2016. Over the duration of the contract so far, a positive working relationship has been built between the Council and CW Audit Services. It is the opinion of the Senior Management Team that it would therefore be advantageous to continue with this relationship and extend the contract for a further year to 31 March 2017.

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Background Papers:-

- Internal Audit 2015/16 Plan.

Implications	
Financial (CR)	No direct financial implications.
Risk (PL)	Internal Audit is a key component of the Council's internal control framework. Outcomes of all internal audit reviews will be considered in the context of the strategic risk register.
Equalities (KG)	No direct implications.
Legal (KG)	No direct implications.