



Audit Committee	Wednesday, 04 October 2023	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Internal Audit Progress Update (October 2023)**

Report Author(s): **Bev Bull (Head of Finance / Interim Section 151 Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To give an update on Internal Audit's progress on delivering the 2023/24 Audit Plan.
Report Summary:	Final reports issued for Business Rates Grant Income Investigation. Significant assurance opinion provided for the audit of private sector housing enforcement. Four grant certifications have been issued. Terms of reference have been developed for 13 audits. Summary of recommendation tracking results.
Recommendation(s):	That the progress made in delivering the 2023/24 Audit Plan be noted.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1)
Vision and Values:	"Our Borough - The Place To Be" (Vision) Resourceful & Resilient (V4)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	<p>Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1)</p> <p>Key Supplier / Partnership Failure (CR2)</p> <p>Reputation Damage (CR4)</p> <p>Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings (CR5)</p> <p>Regulatory Governance (CR6)</p> <p>Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8)</p> <p>Increased Fraud (CR10)</p>

Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Internal Audit Progress Update (October 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. The progress report covers the work carried out during the period April to September 2023.
- 1.2 The report identifies progress made in relation to completion of work from the Council's 2023/24 Internal Audit Plan and brings to your attention matters relevant to your responsibilities as members of the Audit Committee.
- 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 360 Assurance.
- 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).