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#### SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED

MEETING: STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE: **10 APRIL 2015** 

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT

**CONSORTIUM** 

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY ALL

ASSEMBLIES:

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS:** 

TITLE: LOCATION:

#### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To present for members' information a summary of Internal Audit Reports issued during the period 17 January 2015 – 13 March 2015 in respect of reports issued relating to the 2014/15 internal audit plan.

#### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the report be noted.

#### 3.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require that the Head of Internal Audit reports periodically to the Standards and Audit Committee in respect of performance against the audit plan. Significant risk and control issues should also be reported.
- 3.2 In preparing this report, no standard corporate issues (e.g. risk management, equalities) were considered relevant.

#### 4.0 **SUMMARY OF REPORTS ISSUED**

- 4.1 Attached, as Appendix 1, is a summary of reports issued covering the period 7th January 2015 to 13th March 2015, for audits included in the 2014/15 internal audit plan.
- 4.2 The Appendix also shows for each report a summary of the scope and objectives of the audit, the overall conclusion of the audit and the number of recommendations made / agreed where a full response has been received.
- 4.3 The conclusion column of Appendix 1 gives an overall assessment of the reliability of the internal controls examined in accordance with the following classifications:

| Control Level  | Definition  |  |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|--|
| Good           | A few minor recommendations (if any).                                   |  |  |  |
| Satisfactory   | Minimal risk; a few areas identified where changes would be beneficial. |  |  |  |
| Marginal       | A number of areas have been identified for improvement.                 |  |  |  |
| Unsatisfactory | Unacceptable risks identified, changes should be made.                  |  |  |  |
| Unsound        | Major risks identified; fundamental improvements are required.          |  |  |  |

4.4 In respect of the audits being reported, it is confirmed that there were no issues arising relating to fraud that need to be brought to the Committee's attention.

#### 5.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 That the report be noted.

#### 6.0 **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 To inform Members of the internal audit reports issued.

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Further information on this report can be obtained from Jenny Williams (Extension 5468)

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#### **Report to Standards and Audit Committee**

## Summary of Internal Audit Reports Issued 2014/15 – Period 17th January 2015 – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

| Report<br>Ref | Report Title           | Scope &<br>Objectives   | Overall<br>Opinion | Date             |                 | Number of Recommendations |      |          |
|---------------|------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------|----------|
| No.           |                        | ,   | •                  | Report<br>Issued | Response<br>Due | Response<br>Received      | Made | Accepted |
| 25            | Payroll                | To ensure that the key controls are in place and operating.                                   | Satisfactory       | 21/01/2015       | 11/02/2015      |                           | 6    | Note 1   |
| 26            | Procurement            | To ensure that the Councils Financial Regulations and Standing Orders are adhered to.         | Unsatisfactory     | 6/02/2015        | 27/02/2015      | 11/03/2015                | 4    | 4        |
| 27            | Accounts<br>Receivable | To ensure that invoices are raised promptly and that there are collection procedures in place | Good               | 6/02/2015        | 27/02/2015      | N/A                       | 0    | 0        |
| 28            | Accounts<br>Payable    | To ensure that invoice payment and processing procedures are followed                         | Satisfactory       | 23/02/2015       | 16/03/2015      |                           | 8    | Note 2   |

| Report<br>Ref<br>No. | Report Title                            | Scope &<br>Objectives  | Overall<br>Opinion | Date             |                 |                      | Number of Recommendations |          |
|----------------------|---|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------|
|                      |   |  |                    | Report<br>Issued | Response<br>Due | Response<br>Received | Made                      | Accepted |
| 29                   | Agresso FMS<br>and Budgetary<br>Control | To ensure that there are adequate controls and procedures in place | Good               | 3/03/2015        | 24/03/2015      | N/A                  | 0                         | 0        |
| 30                   | Pavements<br>Income                     | To ensure all income due is received in a timely manner            | Good               | 9/03/2015        | 30/03/2015      | N/A                  | 0                         | 0        |
| 31                   | Vicar Lane<br>Income                    | To ensure all income due is received in a timely manner            | Satisfactory       | 9/03/2015        | 30/03/2015      | 9/03/2015            | 1                         | 1        |
| 32                   | Car Parks<br>Income                     | To review and test<br>the controls and<br>procedures in<br>place   | Satisfactory       | 9/03/2015        | 30/03/2015      | 20/03/2015           | 6                         | 6        |

#### Note 1 Response not received at time of writing Report

#### Note 2 Response not due at time of writing report

The main points arising in respect of the procurement audit were:-

The Council's Financial Regulations and Standing orders were not complied with in 19% of the cases sampled Managers require procurement training The procurement Strategy is out of date