

Bolsover District Council

Audit Committee

23rd January 2018

Summary of Progress on the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan

Report of the Internal Audit Consortium Manager

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To present, for members' information, progress made by the Audit Consortium, in relation to the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan. The report includes a summary of Internal Audit Reports issued from the beginning of November 2017 to the beginning of January 2018.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The 2017/18 Consortium Internal Audit Plan for Bolsover District Council was approved by the Audit Committee on the 11th April 2017.
- 1.2 The Consortium Agreement in paragraph 9.3 requires that the Head of the Internal Audit Consortium (HIAC) or his or her nominee will report quarterly (or at such intervals as the HIAC may agree with the Committee) to the Audit Committee of each Council on progress made in relation to their Annual Audit Plan.
- 1.3 Attached, as Appendix 1, is a summary of reports issued from the beginning of November 2017 to the beginning of January 2018.
- 1.4 Internal Audit Reports are issued as drafts with five working days being allowed for the submission of any factual changes, after which time the report is designated as a Final Report. Fifteen working days are allowed for the return of the Implementation Plan.
- 1.5 The Appendix shows for each report a summary of the level of assurance that can be given in respect of the audit area examined and the number of recommendations made / agreed where a full response has been received.
- 1.6 The assurance provided column in Appendix 1 gives an overall assessment of the assurance that can be given in terms of the controls in place and the system's ability to meet its objectives and manage risk in accordance with the following classifications:

Assurance Level	Definition
Substantial Assurance	There is a sound system of controls in place, designed to achieve the system objectives. Controls are being consistently applied and risks well managed.
Reasonable Assurance	The majority of controls are in place and operating effectively, although some control improvements are required. The system should achieve its objectives. Risks are generally well managed.
Limited Assurance	Certain important controls are either not in place or not operating effectively. There is a risk that the system may not achieve its objectives. Some key risks were not well managed.
Inadequate Assurance	There are fundamental control weaknesses, leaving the system/service open to material errors or abuse and exposes the Council to significant risk. There is little assurance of achieving the desired objectives.

1.7 It can be confirmed that no fraud issues have been identified in respect of the areas reviewed.

1.8 The following audits are currently in progress:

- Taxi Licensing
- Debtors
- Grounds Maintenance
- Safeguarding
- Housing Repairs

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 To inform Members of progress on the Internal Audit Plan for 2017/18 and the Audit Reports issued.

2.2 To comply with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 None

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not Applicable

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 Regular reports on progress against the internal audit plan ensure compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and allow members to monitor progress against the plan.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 None

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 None

6 Recommendation

6.1 That the report be noted.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Summary of Internal Audit Reports Issued from the beginning of November 2017 to the beginning of January 2018.
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
N/A	
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Appendix 1

Internal Audit Consortium - Report to Audit Committee

Summary of Internal Audit Reports Issued from the beginning of November to the beginning of January 2018

Report Ref No.	Report Title	Scope and Objectives	Assurance Provided	Date		Number of Recommendations	
				Report Issued	Response Due	Made	Accepted
B019	Council Tax	To ensure that council tax bills are raised promptly and accurately and that there are good collection procedures in place	Substantial	14/11/17	4/12/17	0	0
B020	Food Hygiene Enforcement	To ensure that inspections are carried out in line with legislation and guidance	Reasonable	15/11/17	6/12/17	7 (4M 3L)	7
B021	Transport Follow Up – Phase 1	To follow up a number of the recommendations at the last audit	Not Applicable	6/12/17	4/1/18	6 (5M 1L)	6

Report Ref No.	Report Title	Scope and Objectives	Assurance Provided	Date		Number of Recommendations	
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B022	Housing Rents	To ensure that rents are charged promptly and accurately and that there are good debt collection procedures in place	Reasonable	12/12/17	10/01/18	2 (1M 1L)	Note 1
B023	Housing Benefits and Council Tax Support	To ensure that all benefits are paid promptly and accurately and that any overpayments are collected	Substantial	18/12/17	16/01/18	0	0

Notes: For recommendations, H = High priority, M = Medium priority and L = Low Priority.

Note 1 Response not received at time of writing Report