

Bolsover District Council

**Meeting of the Audit and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee on 16th March
2023**

Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations

Report of the Head of the Internal Audit Consortium

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To present, for members' information, a summary of the internal audit recommendations made and implemented for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to date.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Internal Audit make recommendations to improve the governance, risk and control processes in place. It is important to monitor the implementation of these recommendations to improve the control environment and to reduce the risk of fraud and error.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 This report is to inform Members of the Audit and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee of the internal audit recommendations made and progress in respect of implementing them.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 provides an analysis of the number of recommendations made and implemented for the financial years 2020/21 – 2022/23 to date. The table also summarises the number of recommendations that have been implemented and those that are outstanding. Below this the table details every outstanding recommendation.
- 2.3 The vast majority of recommendations have been implemented but 1 high priority recommendation is outstanding in relation to revisiting the 30 year HRA Business Plan. 5 other recommendations are outstanding 1 in relation to the HRA Business Plan and 4 relating to the update of IT policies. Manager's updates in respect of the outstanding recommendations can be seen at Appendix 1.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To inform Members of the internal audit recommendations made and outstanding so that it can be assessed if appropriate and timely action is being taken.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details:

The implementation of internal audit recommendations helps to ensure that there are effective controls in place to reduce the risk of fraud and error.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: N/A

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	(please state which wards or state All if all wards are affected)
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details:

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
The implementation of Internal audit recommendations help to ensure that the Council is delivering high quality, cost effective services.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1	Summary of Internal Audit Recommendations Made and Implemented

Background Papers
<i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
None