

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present the Internal Audit Progress Report to the Audit Committee, incorporating the overall position reached so far, and summaries of the outcomes of audits completed during the period.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Internal Audit progress report attached (Appendix A) covers the summary of Audit work completed since February 2025.
- 2.2 The report highlights progress against the audit plan up to April 2025.

## **3. Progress Report**

- 3.1 This revised progress report includes the summaries of reports issued since February 2025 and a brief update on the progress of the plan. Further information on the Limited reports is provided in Part B only. It does not include the full performance information as this is included within the Annual report which is being presented at the same meeting.
- 3.2 Seven reports have been issued since the previous Progress Report in February. One of the reports related to consultancy work undertaken on LinCare. There are two reports, Fleet and Debtors/Recovery, which have been given Limited assurance, both of which have been reported in full to Corporate Management Team prior to the final report being issued. The remaining four were all given a substantial assurance opinion and include Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support, Contract Management Follow-up, Housing Assistance and Towns Fund.

## **4. Organisational Impacts**

### **4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)**

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

### **4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules**

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

### 4.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1** The Audit Committee is asked to review and comment on the content of the latest Internal Audit Progress Report.

<b>Is this a key decision?</b>	No
<b>Do the exempt information categories apply?</b>	No
<b>Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?</b>	No
<b>How many appendices does the report contain?</b>	One (with 2 pages included within Part B)
<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	None

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