

AC37. Internal Audit Progress Report

The committee considered a report by their Internal Audit Manager providing an update on the Internal Audit Plan for 2016/17.

In regard to the plan for 2016/17, 21 assignments had been set with a further 5 assignments added over the course of the year. Of the initial 21 assignments, 9 assignments had been completed, 7 were in progress and 5 had not yet started. Of the 5 additional assignments, 4 had been completed, with the remaining assignment in progress.

Four reviews will be deferred into future years' plans. These are:-

- Code of Corporate Governance;
- Welfare Reform;
- Housing Rents; and
- Procurement from external providers of Social Work services.

In response to a question, the Internal Audit Manager summarised the key findings of the audit of building security and the progress made to address the recommendations. He then clarified the findings in regard to the audit of redundancy and severance arrangements, in particular in regard to the implementation of policies. In response to a question, the Internal Audit Manager explained the reasoning for deferring the planned review of procurement from external providers of social work services.

Internal Audit performance to date, as measured by 5 key performance indicators, was broadly comparable to performance at the same point in 2015/16.

The report set out the key findings of those assignments which had not previously been reported to committee.

Decision

The committee noted the progress being made in completing the 2016/17 Internal Audit Plan.