



The report summarised progress since November 2011. It was confirmed that there were no overdue actions outstanding and Internal Audit were very happy with the progress.

All pending actions were due to be completed in the near future and no critical weaknesses were found.

RESOLVED:

1. The Committee noted the progress of internal audit work for the period ending 29 February 2012.

#### 101 **STRATEGIC INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2012/13**

The Committee considered the report of the Treasurer (Item 7 in the Minute Book), which was introduced by Tine Thorne, Head of Audit.

Members learned that the 2012/13 plan had been prepared in line with the audit strategy agreed by the Governance Committee in March 2011. The plan will remain flexible in order to take account of any changes during the year.

With regards to the change of external auditors, a meeting has been arranged by the Audit Commission for May 2012 to provide an opportunity to meet the new external auditors. Internal audit will continue to work with the Audit Commission and the new external auditors.

In respect of the outcomes of the Joint Working in Hampshire programme, there will be opportunity to comment on the legal protocol and the governance arrangements at a later date. It was agreed that the legal model and details of the new agreement would go to the June 2012 Governance meeting and a further update to go to the Full Authority in December.

Katy Ford  
to note for  
next  
agenda

RESOLVED:

1. The Committee endorsed the Internal Audit Plan for 2012/13 to 2014/15

#### 102 **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee considered a letter from the Chief Officer

(Item 8 in the Minute Book) detailing the Audit Action Plans. The new format for these included the audit observations, the action plans that had been agreed for improvement, and progress made in implementing them. Previously only the actions had been reported.

The Committee were informed that the providing more detail regarding audit findings (observations), should make it easier to put the action plans into context. It was confirmed that further progress on those actions outstanding would follow at a future Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee approved the audit action reports, and progress made towards the implementation of recommendations.

103. **OFFICE OF SURVEILLANCE COMMISSIONERS  
REPORT – REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY  
POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 9 in the Minute Book), which updated the Committee on an inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners done in November 2011.

It was confirmed that the Fire Authority had not used its powers as part of the Act, but had updated its policy as requested and also set up a central database to log any incidents that may occur in the future.

RESOLVED:

1. The Committee noted the recommendations made in the report issued to the Chief Officer by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner and approved the actions taken to address them.