

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Audit Committee
Date:	22 March 2012
Title:	Internal Audit - Progress Report
Reference:	3786
Report From:	<i>County Treasurer</i>

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Audit Committee with an overview of internal audit activity against assurance work completed in accordance with the approved audit plan and to provide an overview of the status of 'live' reports.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, the Council is responsible for:

- ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of functions and includes arrangements for the management of risk; and
- undertaking an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control.

2.2. In accordance with proper internal audit practices and the Internal Audit Strategy, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written status report to the Audit Committee, summarising:

- The status of 'live' internal audit reports;
- an update on progress against the annual audit plan;
- a summary of internal audit performance, planning and resourcing issues; and
- a summary a significant issues that impact on the Chief Internal Auditor's annual opinion

2.3. Appendix 1 summarises the activities of internal audit for the period ending 31 January 2012

3. Recommendation(s)

3.1. To note the Internal Audit Status of Work report for the period ending January 2012 as attached.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
In accordance with proper internal audit practices and the Internal Audit Strategy, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written status report to the Audit Committee	

NB: If the 'Other significant links' section below is not applicable, please delete it.

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Internal Audit Strategy 2011-14	<u>Reference</u> 2338	<u>Date</u> 9 Dec 2010
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. Equality objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals within this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The proposals in this report are not considered to have any direct impact on the prevention of crime, however internal audit work is planned to ensure that controls are in place to minimise the risk of fraud and corruption against the County Council.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No specific changes

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No specific proposals affecting adaptation to climate change