

**Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority
Report to the Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP)**

27th March 2019

INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Report of Internal Audit

Purpose of Report

The progress report attached as **Appendix 1**, provides an update to the ETAP on the internal audit activity carried out against the 2018/19 Internal Audit Plan. It also provides scrutiny of the internal audit function during the year and will provide assurance to the ETAP that the 2018/19 audit plan is being delivered as planned.

2018/19 Internal Audit Plan

Delivery against the Strategic Internal Audit Plan for 2018/19 is provided for the ETAPs information in the progress report attached as appendix 1. Overall, the work is on schedule to be completed by 31st March 2019.

The Financial Ledger and Bank audit review has been finalised since the last ETAP in February 2019 and it is pleasing to note that no recommendations were made. The management summary for this review is attached within the progress report for ETAP information.

Recommendation

That ETAP note the attached progress report.

Financial Implications

Sufficient resources are available to the Internal Audit Section to fulfil the above commitments.

Legal Implications

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

Risk Implications

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

Protective Security Implications

The Internal Audit Section (including its external providers) operate in accordance with the professional standards and practice statements included within the UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and the CIPFA Local Government Application Note.

Procurement and Social Value

Whilst there are no direct procurement implications there are social value benefits within the county deriving from Internal Audit Services being provided by a partner local public sector organisation.

Consultation and Engagement Undertaken

Not Applicable.

Other Implications

None.

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