

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

23rd October 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 2019/20 Internal Audit Plan. It also provides scrutiny of the internal audit function during the year and will provide assurance to the ETAP that the 2019/20 audit plan is being delivered as planned.

2019/20 Internal Audit Plan

Delivery against the Strategic Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20 is provided for the ETAP's information in the progress report attached as appendix 1. Overall, the work is on schedule to be completed by 31st March 2020.

The Insurance Arrangements audit has been finalised. A satisfactory assurance opinion was awarded with a total of 9 recommendations being made, the management summary for this report is contained within the progress report.

The fieldwork for the Firewatch Application audit has been completed and submitted for review and the fieldwork relating to the delivery and management of Fire/Police collaboration opportunities is underway. Further to this, planning relating to the data analytics work has been taking place. To date, meetings have been held with Fire Finance Management to determine the testing to be undertaken. A protocol relating to the logistics and security of data has also been drafted and submitted to ICT Management for approval following constructive discussions during September.

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.

Consultation and Engagement Undertaken

Not Applicable.

Other Implications

None.

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