



The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire and the Chief Constable of Staffordshire

Internal Audit Progress Report

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1 Introduction

The internal audit plan for 2022/23 was presented as a draft plan to the Ethics, Transparency & Audit Panel on 25th May 2022.



Fieldwork dates have been set provisionally for the audits scheduled for 2022/23. Planning meetings have been held or are scheduled and assignment planning sheets will be issued shortly for a number of the reviews.



Regular catch up meetings have been held between RSM and management in order to provide updates in relation to changes within the organisation, impact to operations and also to discuss sector wide issues that may have an impact on the internal audit plan.



We have shared with management a number of briefings which are outlined in Appendix B below.

2 Reports

2.1 Summary of final reports being presented to this committee

This section summarises the reports that have been finalised since the last meeting.

Assignment	Opinion issued	Actions agreed		
		L	M	H
No final reports for 2022/23 have been issued				

Appendix A – Progress against the internal audit plan 2022/2023

Assignment	Status / Opinion issued	Actions agreed			Target ETAP per IA plan (revised)	Actual ETAP
		L	M	H		
Fleet Management – Joint Fire and Police review	Scoping meeting held and audit to commence 18 July 2022		-		December 2022 (Now October 2022)	
Framework for Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Requirements: Freedom of Information	Scoping meeting held and audit to commence 8 August 2022		-		October 2022	
Pay Progression Standard	Scope meeting completed and scope agreed. Audit to commence 19 September 2022		-		October 2022 (Now December 2022)	
Health & Safety – Employer Responsibilities (including remote working)	Scope meeting completed and scope is currently in draft awaiting final sign-off. Audit planned to commence 10 October 2022		-		December 2022	
Corporate Resourcing Unit	Scoping meeting to be arranged. Audit planned to commence 19 September 2022		-		December 2022	
HR – Training & Development	Scoping meeting to be arranged. Audit planned to commence 10 October 2022		-		December 2022	



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		L	M	H		
Custody Management	Scope meeting completed and scope agreed. Audit to commence 7 November 2022		-		October 2022 (Now February 2023)	
Property Store	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		February 2023	
ICT Audit – User Experience	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		February 2023	
Risk Management	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		February 2023	
Asset Management	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		May 2023	
Follow Up - Firearms storage and destruction	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		May 2023	
Finance System – Upgrade	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		May 2023	
Follow Up of Previous Internal Audit Management Actions	Scoping meeting to be arranged		-		May 2023	



Appendix B – Other matters

Changes to the audit plan

Our approach to working with you is to respond to your changing assurance needs. By employing an ‘agile’ or a ‘flexible’ approach to our service delivery, we are able to change the focus of audits / audit delivery. The Pay Progression Standard review has been deferred to September 2022 to allow for the process to become embedded and the control framework mature for review. Additionally, the Custody Management review has been deferred to November 2022, to allow for the pre-visit action plan to be developed and embedded so assurance can be provided on its progress in readiness for the Custody Management visit and grading process.

Annual Opinion 2022/23

The ETAP should note that the assurances given in our audit assignments are included within our Annual Assurance report. In particular, the ETAP should note that any negative assurance opinions will need to be noted in the annual report and may result in a qualified or negative annual opinions.

Quality assurance and continual improvement

To ensure that RSM remains compliant with the IIA standards and the financial services recommendations for Internal Audit we have a dedicated internal Quality Assurance Team who undertake a programme of reviews to ensure the quality of our audit assignments. This is applicable to all Heads of Internal Audit, where a sample of their clients will be reviewed. Any findings from these reviews being used to inform the training needs of our audit teams. The Quality Assurance Team is made up of; the Head of the Quality Assurance Department (FCA qualified) and an Associate Director (FCCA qualified), with support from other team members across the department. This is in addition to any feedback we receive from our post assignment surveys, client feedback, appraisal processes and training needs assessments.

Post assignment surveys

We are committed to delivering an excellent client experience every time we work with you. Your feedback helps us to improve the quality of the service we deliver to you. Following the completion of each product we deliver we attach a brief survey for the client lead to complete. The results of these surveys will be shared at each ETAP.

Updates and briefings

We have provided the following information and briefings to management and members since the last meeting:

- Emergency Services Briefing – June 2022

Appendix C - Key performance indicators (KPIs)

Delivery			Quality		
	Target	Actual		Target	Actual
Draft reports issued within 10 days of debrief meeting	10 days	n/a	Conformance with PSIAS and IIA Standards	Yes	Yes
			Liaison with external audit to allow, where appropriate and required, the external auditor to place reliance on the work of internal audit	Yes	-
Final report issued within 3 days of management response	3 days	n/a	Response time for all general enquiries for assistance	2 working days	1 working day
			Response for emergencies and potential fraud	1 working day	-



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