

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Audit Committee

8 December 2021

INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP

Report by Chief Internal Auditor (Report No. 21/228)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents a current summary of Internal Audit's 'follow up' work relating to actions due for completion up to September 2021.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the Chief Internal Auditor to establish a follow-up process to monitor and ensure that management actions have been effectively implemented. Internal Audit request evidence from Services which confirms that actions have been implemented and, therefore, controls have been improved.
- 1.2 There were 35 actions arising from Internal Audit activity to date. In terms of timescales for completion, the Committee is aware that two reports will be subject to follow up action in the new year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the business areas. These two reports contain 25 actions.
- 1.3 Of the remaining 10 actions, 3 had a completion date within the period July to September 2021. Evidence has been provided to Internal Audit that these 3 actions have been completed.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 As evidence has been presented to the satisfaction of Internal Audit that the 3 actions due for completion within the period between July and September 2021 have been completed by Services, there are no outstanding actions, within the relevant period, to report.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee notes the completion of the internal audit actions due within the period July-September 2021 and the current position in respect of the agreed actions arising from internal audit work.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	None
Strategic Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	Yes
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

Corporate Plan

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

- 1.2 This report relates to all of these objectives.

2. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 2.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

- 2.2 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) and has been assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Risk

- 2.3 The risks are associated with the level of assurance provided on the control environment in the event that Internal Audit's planned work is not completed on time.

3. Consultation

Internal

- 3.1 The Chief Executive and Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

3. APPENDICES

None