

## **Audit & Counter Fraud Monitoring Report**

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### **Summary**

- 1 This report provides an update on progress made in delivering the internal audit workplan for 2013/14 and on current counter fraud activity.

### **Background**

- 2 The work of internal audit is governed by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). In accordance with the standards, periodic reports detailing the outcomes of internal audit work are reported to this committee. This is the first monitoring report for 2013/14.

### **Internal Audit**

- 3 To date, internal audit has delivered 37% of the 2013/14 audit plan based on reports issued. This is slightly ahead of the position at this point last year. It is anticipated that the 93% target for the year will be exceeded by the end of April 2014 (the cut off point for 2013/14 audits).
- 4 Details of the audits completed and reports issued since the last report to this committee in July 2013 are given in annex 1.
- 5 A number of variations to the audit plan have been approved by the Director of CBSS since the start of the year. Details are included in annex 2.

## **Counter Fraud**

- 6 Counter fraud work has been undertaken in accordance with the approved plan. Annex 3 provides a summary of the work undertaken.

## **Breaches of Financial Regulations**

- 7 A number of breaches of the council's financial regulations have been identified during the course of recent audit work. Details of these breaches are summarised in annex 4. The most significant issues relate to reconciliation procedures for Markets income, as set out in the table in annex 1.

## **Consultation**

- 8 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

## **Options**

- 9 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

## **Analysis**

- 10 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

## **Council Plan**

- 11 The work of internal audit and counter fraud helps to support overall aims and priorities by promoting probity, integrity and accountability and by helping to make the council a more effective organisation.

## **Implications**

- 12 There are no implications to this report in relation to:

- **Finance**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Information Technology (IT)**

- **Property**

### **Risk Management Assessment**

- 13 The council will fail to properly comply with the PSIAS if the results of audit work are not reported to those charged with governance.

### **Recommendation**

- 14 Members are asked to:
- (a) Note the progress made in delivering the 2013/14 internal audit work programme, and current counter fraud activity.

#### Reason

*To enable Members to consider the implications of audit and fraud findings.*

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**Date** 25/10/13

**Specialist Implications Officers:** Not applicable

**Wards Affected:** Not applicable

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### **Background Papers**

- 2013/14 Internal Audit, Counter Fraud, and Information Governance Plan

### **Annexes**

- Annex 1 – 2013/14 Audits Completed and Reports Issued
- Annex 2 – Variations to the Audit Plan
- Annex 3 – Counter Fraud Activity
- Annex 4 – Breaches of Financial Regulations