



Audit Committee

10 January 2013

Internal Audit Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Group has held its initial meeting and agreed the way in which it intends to work. Due to the delay in establishing the Group, this initial meeting spent some time in reviewing documents from earlier in the year.

As a matter of course the Group will consider Adverse Audit Reports, Follow up reports and a Fraud Update at each of its meetings. Where appropriate, Portfolio Holders and Heads of Service will be invited to attend the Group meetings to discuss progress in addressing issues identified by Internal Audit. If it is thought necessary or responses are not forthcoming, any matter may be referred to Audit Committee for further work.

Arising from meetings of previous Audit Committees, consideration was given to Adverse Audit Reports into High School Balances, Leisure Centre Budget Shortfall and Schools Business Continuity. An Action Plan is awaited in relation to High School Balances and a response from the Area Manager in respect of the Leisure Centre Budget Shortfall. A response to the lack of a Plan for Schools Business Continuity is to be presented to Audit Committee in March 2013. Follow up reports were received on Direct Payments (Adults) and Youth Club Returns. The Portfolio Holder and Head of Service will attend the March meeting of the Audit Committee to present an action plan relating to Direct Payments.

The next meeting of the Group will consider the County Farms Estate, Business Continuity, Housing (Repairs and Maintenance) and Disposal of ICT.

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Sources/background papers: