



Audit Committee	Wednesday, 22 January 2025	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Internal Audit Progress Report (January 2025)**

Report Author(s): **Colleen Warren (Chief Finance Officer / S151 Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To give an update on Internal Audits progress on delivering the 2024/25 Audit Plan.
Report Summary:	Three final reports issued all at significant assurance, one proposed final report, three draft reports and three agreed terms of reference.
Recommendation(s):	That the progress made in delivering the 2024/25 Audit Plan be noted.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1)
Vision and Values:	"Our Borough - The Place To Be" (Vision) Resourceful & Resilient (V4)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	<p>Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Key Supplier / Partnership Failure (CR2) Reputation Damage (CR4) Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings (CR5) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8) Increased Fraud (CR10)</p>
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable

Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Internal Audit Progress Report (January 2025)

1. Information

- 1.1 The Internal Audit Progress Report (January 2025) attached at Appendix 1 provides an overall summary of the work undertaken to date relating to the Audit Plan. The progress report covers the work carried out during the period April to December 2024.
- 1.2 The report identifies progress made in relation to the completion of work from the Councils 2024/25 Internal Audit Plan and brings to your attention matters relevant to your responsibilities as members of the Audit Committee.
- 1.3 Internal Audit progress reports are presented to every meeting of the Audit Committee so that Members are up to date with Internal Audits work and findings.
- 1.4 Under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 151 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended), the Council has a responsibility to maintain an adequate and effective Internal Audit function. At Oadby and Wigston Borough Council this responsibility is currently being delivered by 360 Assurance.
- 1.5 In responding to this requirement, the Internal Audit service works to best practice as set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (2017), which is published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.