

Audit Committee

25 April 2014

Internal Audit Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The group has met twice since the last report to Audit Committee:

Brecon Depot	Similar issues arise across all depots, many relating to Fleet Services.
Brecon High School	A report and follow up report prior to an Estyn Inspection had been considered which highlighted significant financial issues. Of 25 control weaknesses in the original report, 18 were addressed before the second audit two months later. Seven actions remain outstanding between the Authority and the School
Welsh Church Acts Funds	Trusts have been managed by the Community Foundation in Wales since 2009 with the Council remaining as a Trustee. Capital has been eroded and some grants confused with Community Grants but no Welsh Church Acts Grants have been paid for two years.
Civil Parking Enforcement	A follow up to a previous report was considered to answer specific questions relating the number of tickets issued and technical issues
Workshops	An update had been provided in February prior to a report being submitted to Cabinet in April 2014.
Zipporah	An update was provided on the project following difficulties that had been reported by Housing Repairs and Maintenance.
ICT Project and Governance	A move is being made to a single point of accountability and responsibility to ensure a consistent approach is being taken across the Authority. A Corporate Team will be fully in place by June 2014.
ICT Business Continuity	Resilience of red list systems had been questioned. A disaster relief site is to be provided in Welshpool to ensure Draig, internet and email can be maintained in a crisis. Resilience within County Hall has also been improved.
Statutory Testing	The Group had queried whether Testing could be delivered at a much reduced cost and an update on the new contract was provided. The contractors own internal audit would be circulated to the Group for information.

Fuel Usage and Security	A Transformation Project had been commenced in March 2013, with an Internal Audit beginning in April 2013. Northgate had undertaken a diagnostic review and had made 120 recommendations across the service including fuel usage and management control processes. A new Fleet Manager is in post and other key posts should be filled in the near future. Issues arising from the Groups consideration of Brecon Depot were also addressed – a further Internal Audit would be undertaken in September 2014.
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Internal Audit reports are to be circulated to Scrutiny Chairs when issued. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair of Audit Committee would also receive these reports, although it was noted that the Group monitor progress against Action Plans resulting in full consideration being given to the reports some months later.

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Sources: Notes of meeting held 26 February and 7 April 2014

Group Membership: County Councillors J G Morris (Lead Member), A W Davies, Mrs E R Davies, S C Davies, E A Jones, Mrs F Jump, D Thomas and Mr J Brautigam