

Audit Committee

6 July 2018

Internal Audit Scrutiny Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Group has met once since the last Audit Committee. It considered the following:

- **Housing Service Charges** – the service had requested an internal audit following the requirement to provide a detailed breakdown of service charges to tenants. It was found that the service would benefit from more automation and a system is being assessed for improvement to accommodate this element.
- **Income Generation** – work had been undertaken in 2014/15 which suggested that there were opportunities for income generation. Since that time there have been few plans and income opportunities have not been achieved. Generally there was a lack of planning and preparation and targets were changed or rolled forward. The Cost and Improvement Board was to be reviewed to ensure more rigour. An efficiency tracker is maintained which monitors monthly spend including income targets and this is reported to Cabinet. Finance training is to be included as part of the Management Induction Programme.
- **Fraud** – the Group are briefed on any instances of fraud at every meeting

The Group welcomed a suggestion that Internal Audit reports be tracked through the Corporate Tracker. It was noted that there had been a lack of engagement by some services since moving internal audit services to SWAP.

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Background papers: Notes of meeting held 11 May 2018

Group Membership: County Councillors J G Morris (Lead Member), M Barnes, K Laurie-Parry, A Williams and Mr J Brautigam