



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No:8
30 NOVEMBER 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

INTERNAL AUDIT: PROGRESS REPORT 2018 / 2019

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. Internal Audit provide assurance to the Audit and Governance Committee that activities undertaken across the Combined Authority are appropriately managed, monitored and delivered in accordance with set governance, controls and risk management frameworks. This report provides details of the progress made in delivering the approved Audit Plan for 2018 / 2019.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Officer:	Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor, Peterborough City Council
The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended that the progress report from Internal Audit is considered.	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In March 2018 Audit and Governance Committee discussed and agreed the Internal Audit Plan for 2018 / 2019. In accordance with the agreed work programme for Internal Audit, the reports provide an independent and objective opinion on the Combined Authority's effectiveness in managing risk management, governance and the control environment.
- 2.2. The reports will also feed into the Annual Internal Audit report that will be prepared at the end of the financial year. The Annual Report will provide an overall audit opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and internal control processes, based upon the outcome of the reviews completed during the year. This opinion can then be used to feed into the Combined Authority's Annual Governance Statement that accompanies the Annual Statement of Accounts.

2.3. It is too early for an overall opinion to be made. Projects have been determined as business cases have been developed and funding released. **Appendix 1** provides commentary of progress made against the plan. At the last meeting of the Committee in September 2018, Members requested that Internal Audit undertook additional works in relation to the changes to corporate governance and recruitment processes. **Appendix 2** sets out the scope which has been agreed with senior management.

2.4. Since the last report, no frauds / irregularities have been reported to Internal Audit.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. The cost of undertaking Internal Audit activities is contained within the charges contained within the Combined Authority's budget and are set out within the Service Level Agreement. Any increase in the required audit coverage will be agreed with Peterborough City Council on an ongoing basis.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 5, requires a relevant organisation to undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance.

5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no direct wider CPCA implications arising from this report.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1. Appendix 1: Internal Audit Plan 2018 / 2019: Progress
Appendix 2: Internal Audit Scoping Document: Governance Review

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
List background papers:	