

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2015**

Title of report	INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2015
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Purpose of report	To inform the committee of the progress against the internal audit plan for 2014/15 and to highlight incidences of any significant control failings or weaknesses.
Reason for Decision	To comply with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	None
Link to relevant CAT	None
Risk Management	The Internal Audit planning process is based on a risk assessment methodology
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not Applicable
Human Rights	None
Transformational Government	Not Applicable
Consultees	Head of Finance
Background papers	Public Sector Internal Audit Standards

Recommendations	MEMBERS NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND CONSIDER THE TIMING OF THE EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS.
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require the authority's Audit Committee to approve the audit plan and monitor progress against it. They should also receive periodic reports on the work of internal audit. The Audit and Governance Committee approved the Audit Plan on 26 March 2014. They receive quarterly progress reports.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 Section 3 of Part 3 of the Constitution sets out the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Governance Committee, as set out at the extract below:
'To act as the Authority's Audit Committee, to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment, independent scrutiny of the Authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to be responsible for the financial reporting process'.

3. PROGRESS REPORT

- 3.1 The Internal Audit Progress Report for the period to the end of February 2015 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The Quarter 3 update on the Council's Corporate Risks which was presented to Cabinet on 3 March 2015 is also included in Appendix 1.