Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

25 September 2019

Internal Audit Progress Report 2019/20

Report of the Executive Director – Finance (Interim)

This report is public

Purpose of report

To receive CW Internal Audit Services progress report for 2019/20.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the contents of the 2019/20 internal audit progress report from CW Audit Services.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Internal Audit undertakes a programme of work each year which is produced in consultation with senior management. The plan is monitored for progress during the year and regular reports and updates are provided to the Committee.

3.0 Report Details

3.1 Internal Audit is planning 163 audit days for the Council and is on track to deliver its planned programme of work for the 2019/20 year, as detailed in Appendix 1. The phasing of the plan is in line with target, taking into account financial review activity, which is aligned with later in the year when there are a greater number of transactions to audit.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The Annual Plan set out the work programme for Internal Audit 2019/20 and provides the framework for assessing the internal control framework in place. This work programme will assist the Committee is gaining further assurance on the Councils internal controls.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Members may choose to seek additional information from CW audit services and officers.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Legal Implications

7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Risk Management Implications

7.3 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

All wards are affected

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All corporate plan themes.

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	CW Audit Services Update Report 2018-19
Background Papers	
None	
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