

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 3pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

GERARD MALONE
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Report To: Audit Committee **Date:** 22.10.19

Report By: Corporate Director Environment Regeneration and Resources **Report No:** AC/11/19/SA/APr

Contact Officer: Andi Priestman **Contact No:** 01475 712251

Subject: INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – 29 JULY TO 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable members to monitor the performance of Internal Audit, to discharge their scrutiny and performance monitoring roles and gain an overview of the overall control environment throughout the Council.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Report from 29 July to 27 September 2019 is attached as an Appendix **Appendix 1** to this report since its content is essential to the understanding of the Council's control environment.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 There were two internal audit reports finalised since the last Audit Committee meeting in August 2019:
- FMS Logical Access Controls
 - Waste Management
- 2.2 These reports contained 7 issues categorised as follows:

Red	Amber	Green
0	1	6

- 2.3 The fieldwork for the 2019/20 plan is underway and the current status of the plan is as follows:

Stage	Number of Reports
Final Report	2
Draft Report	0
Fieldwork Complete	1
Fieldwork in Progress	5
Planning	2
Not started	4
Total	14

- 2.4 In relation to Internal Audit follow up, there were no items due for completion by 30 September 2019. The current status report is attached at Appendix 2. **Appendix 2**
- 2.5 The CMT has reviewed and agreed the current status of actions.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members agree to note the progress made by Internal Audit in the period from 29 July to 27 September 2019.

Scott Allan
Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In April 2019, the Audit Committee approved the current Internal Audit Annual Plan which detailed a programme of activity to be undertaken during 2019-20.
- 4.2 Internal Audit regularly reports findings and action plans to relevant Council Officers and the Audit Committee as part of the annual audit plan. A follow up process is in place to allow follow up of current internal audit actions to be co-ordinated and updated by Internal Audit on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

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- 5.3 There are 7 current action points being progressed by officers. There were no action points due for completion by 30 September 2019.
- 5.4 The CMT has reviewed and agreed the current status of actions.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

6.4 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

6.5 There are no direct repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Relevant officers have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 File of completed internal audit reports: Available from Andi Priestman, Chief Internal Auditor.



**Audit Committee Report
Report on Internal Audit Activity from
29 July to 27 September 2019**

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1 Audit work undertaken in the period

Reports issued since last update

1.1 In each audit, one of 4 overall opinions is expressed:

Strong	In our opinion there is a sound system of internal controls designed to ensure that the organisation is able to achieve its objectives.
Satisfactory	In our opinion isolated areas of control weakness were identified which, whilst not systemic, put some organisation objectives at risk.
Requires improvement	In our opinion systemic and/or material control weaknesses were identified such that some organisation objectives are put at significant risk.
Unsatisfactory	In our opinion the control environment was considered inadequate to ensure that the organisation is able to achieve its objectives.

1.2 Detailed findings and recommendations reported to management are currently graded using the following criteria:

Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our opinion the control environment is insufficient to address the risk and this could impact the Council as a whole. Corrective action must be taken and should start immediately. Overseen to completion by Corporate Management Team.
Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our opinion there are areas of control weakness which we consider to be individually significant but which are unlikely to affect the Council as a whole. Corrective action must be taken (some exceptions may be agreed with IA) within reasonable timeframe. Overseen to completion by Head of Service.
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our opinion the risk area is well controlled or our audit highlighted areas for minor control improvement and/or areas of minor control weakness. Process improvements/efficiencies may be actioned at management discretion in consultation with Internal Audit (IA). Managed by service owner.

1.3 There were 2 audit reviews finalised since the August Audit Committee, which are identified below, together with a summary of the gradings of the issues identified. In Section 2 we have provided a summary of the main findings from the reviews.

Reports finalised since previous Audit Committee	Grading			Total Number of Issues
	Red	Amber	Green	
FMS Logical Access Controls	0	0	5	5
Waste Management	0	1	1	2
Total	0	1	6	7

Other activities

Risk Management

- 1.4 Risk Management is the subject of separate reporting to Audit Committee and a full report is submitted separately on an annual basis.

Internal Audit Action Plan Follow Up

- 1.5 The current status of Internal Audit Action plans is set out as an attachment at Appendix 2 to this report.

2 Summary of main findings from reports issued since previous Audit Committee

- 2.1 We have provided below a summary of the key findings from the final reports issued after 27 July 2019.

FMS Logical Access Controls

- 2.2 As part of an external auditor's report on the 2016/17 audit, a significant fraud was referred that had been perpetrated against Dundee City Council. The report stressed the wider lessons from this incident for other Councils to consider is the important of key internal controls. A key area which was identified for review was Logical Access Controls over the financial management system.
- 2.3 The objective of this audit was to provide management and the Audit Committee with an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and controls over the key risks faced by Inverclyde Council in relation to logical access within FMS.
- 2.4 The review will focus on the high level processes and procedures in relation to FMS logical access controls and will concentrate on identified areas of perceived higher risk, such as not ensuring logical access to FMS is adequately controlled and monitored.
- 2.5 The overall control environment opinion for this audit review was **Satisfactory**. Five GREEN issues were identified which if implemented by management would enhance the control environment.
- 2.6 An action plan was agreed and all issues will be addressed by 31 October 2019.

Waste Management

- 2.7 The Service delivers a comprehensive range of waste management services including household and trade waste collection, civic amenity site operations and recycling bring sites. A range of disposal services are procured from the private sector. These include haulage and disposal of residual waste to landfill, management and operation of the materials recycling facility and the treatment of organic waste.
- 2.8 The objective of this audit was to provide management and the Audit Committee with an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and controls surrounding the key risks faced by Inverclyde Council in relation to Waste Management.

2 Summary of main findings from reports issued since previous Audit Committee (Continued)

2.9 The review focused on the high level processes and procedures in relation to Waste Management and concentrated on identified areas of perceived higher risk, such as income and expenditure relating to waste streams is not valid, or is not completely and accurately recorded.

2.10 The audit excluded the following:

- the operation of recycling carried out by outsourced company Ward Ltd, but covered the contract management process;
- the collection of waste electronic and electrical equipment as there is no cost to the council for this service as all companies who sell electrical goods must provide a collection and disposal service under the WEEE regulations; and
- low value waste streams where no formal contract was required.

2.11 The overall control environment opinion for this audit review was **Satisfactory**. There was one AMBER issues identified as follows:

Adequacy of Contract Monitoring Procedures

Within the Environmental & Public Protection Service, a central spreadsheet exists which sets out current price and contract details for all waste streams. A matching exercise is carried out to ensure that the invoice details match the entry on the financial management system prior to authorising the invoice. However, discussions with staff and audit testing identified that:

- for each of the 11 waste streams reviewed, there are no checks to ensure that the contracted rates match the invoice;
- for gully and street sweeping and hard plastics waste streams, there are no formal contracts in place. We understand that the arrangements for gully and street sweeping were originally treated through the refuse transfer station operation. The new dewatering facility commissioned at Pottery Street as part of the depot rationalisation project has effectively separated this material and a contract will be put in place; and
- for textiles and footwear, testing identified that the pricing structure had not been updated on the central spreadsheet for the current contract dated 1st April 2018. The previous contract pricing from 2014 had been used instead. Management have re-performed the invoice calculation using the correct pricing structure which shows an underclaim of £8,884.31 over the 15 month period. The textile contractor has been made aware of the error and an invoice has now been issued by the Council.

Where a check of the contract price is not carried out, there is a risk that inaccurate, incomplete or invalid entries are not identified when authorising invoices.

Where a formal contract is not in place, there is a risk that the service may be breaching the council's Standing Orders relating to contracts. There is also a risk that additional invalid charges could be made or the service is not of high quality.

Where incorrect contract pricing is used to recover income, income due to the council is not fully recovered.

2.12 The review identified 2 issues, one of which we consider to be individually significant and an action plan is in place to address all issues by 31 January 2020.

3. Audit Plan for 2019/2020 – Progress to 27 September 2019

Planned Audit Cover	Not started	Planning	TOR Issued	Fieldwork in Progress	Fieldwork Complete	Draft Report	Report Finalised	Reported to Audit Committee
Risk-Based Reviews								
HSCP Contract Management		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	August 2019
Governance of Community Groups	✓							
Safe Recruitment		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Refugee Integration Scheme	✓							
Waste Management		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	October 2019
IR35 (c/f 2018-2019)		✓	✓	✓				
Limited Scope Financial Reviews								
Sundry Debtors	✓							
Corporate Fraud Reviews								
Tipping Permits	✓							
Residents Parking Scheme		✓						
Employee Expenses – Quarterly Checks		N/A	N/A	✓				
Regularity Audits								
Stock/Inventory Control – Quarterly Checks		N/A	N/A	✓				
Education Control Self-Assessment (CSA)		✓						
Corporate Purchase Cards – Quarterly Checks		✓	✓	✓				
Project Assurance								
SWIFT Replacement Project	CIA providing quality assurance to project Board.							
Business Support Redesign	CIA providing quality assurance to project Board.							
Corporate Governance								
Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019	Complete - Input provided by CIA.							
Other Work								
Council Tax Reduction Scheme/Discounts/Exemptions	Visits are carried out on establish the validity of discounts and exemptions – see section 4							
National Fraud Initiative	Work on the 2018/19 Data Matching Exercise is underway.							
SPOC Liaison with DWP	Ongoing – see paragraph 4 for detailed activity.							
Inverclyde IJB	Internal Audit annual audit plan for 2019/2020 was approved in April 2019 – 45 days allocated to IJB audit plan.							

4 Corporate Fraud Activity

4.1 The undernoted table sets out progress to date on corporate fraud activity in the period 29 July to 27 September 2019:

Council Tax Reduction Scheme 29 July to 27 September 2019					
Number of Home Visits		Number of Errors Identified and Corrected		Total Overpayment/Future Savings	
45		0		£0	
Council Tax Reduction Scheme – Year to Date					
Number of Home Visits		Number of Errors Identified and Corrected		Total Overpayment/Future Savings	
83		25		£29,316/£18,913	
National Fraud Initiative 2018-2019 Exercise					
Matches have now been received and a detailed review of matches is now underway by Internal Audit and Services.					
Matches received	Number Investigated	No issues	Fraud	Error	Value of Fraud/Error
Housing Benefit					
385	384	372	11	1	£18,283.03
Blue Badge					
201	201	84	0	117	£0
Care Homes					
45	45	45	0	0	£0
Personal Budgets					
7	7	7	0	0	£0
Council Tax Reduction Scheme					
735	681	674	3	4	£1,588.95
Procurement					
38	38	38	0	0	£0
Payroll					
67	58	58	0	0	£0
Creditors					
1254	51	51	0	0	£0
VAT					
56	0	0	0	0	£0
TOTALS					
2788	1465	1329	14	122	£19,871.98
Recheck Report – Single Person Discount					
1218	1107	1085	15	7	£23,078
Stock and Inventory Quarterly Checks – 2019-2020					
Fieldwork is underway.					
Employee Expenses Quarterly Checks – 2019-2020					
Fieldwork is underway.					

4 Corporate Fraud Activity (Continued)

4.2 Specific NFI cases being reviewed by Corporate Fraud since the last Audit Committee are set out below:

File Ref	Description	Status
18/19 18-09	CT SPD > Pension (Recheck report)	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
18/19 18-84	CT SPD > State Benefits (Recheck report)	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
18/19 18-109	CT SPD > State Benefits (Recheck report)	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
18/19 18-110	CT SPD > Taxi Drivers (Recheck report)	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
18/19 18-191	Fraudulent Application for CT Exemption	Passed to Finance for adjudication 13/2/19
19/20 19-17	Recheck SPD > Waiting List/ Market Traders/State Benefits	Fraud established. Account updated and liable party rebilled.
19/20 19-20	Recheck SPD > Payroll	Account updated for correct exemption. No financial impact.
19/20 19-22	Recheck SPD > Taxi Drivers	Fraud established. Account updated and liable party rebilled.
19/20 19-34	Recheck SPD > Payroll	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
19/20 19-40	Recheck SPD > Taxi Drivers	Passed to Finance for adjudication 17/5/19.
19/20 19-58	Recheck SPD > State Benefits/ Pension	Fraud established. Account updated and liable party rebilled.
19/20 19-71	Recheck SPD > Payroll/Pension	Passed to Finance for adjudication 8/8/19.
19/20 19-72	Recheck SPD > Payroll/Pension	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
19/20 19-84	Recheck SPD > Deferred Pension	Passed to Finance for adjudication 8/8/19.
19/20 19-95	Recheck SPD > Payroll	Passed to Finance for adjudication 21/8/19.
19/20 19-100	CTR > Payroll	Closed – error identified and corrected.
19/20 19-120	CTR > Payroll	Closed – no fraud detected.
19/20 19-121	CTR > DWP Deceased	Error identified and record updated. No financial impact.
19/20 19-122	CTR > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-123	CTR > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-124	CTR > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-126	CTR > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-139	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-140	Payroll > Creditors	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-141	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-142	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.

4 Corporate Fraud Activity (Continued)

File Ref	Description	Status
19/20 19/143	CTR > Pension	Fraud established. Account updated. Reduction in weekly benefits.
19/20 19/144	CTR > Pension	Ongoing Investigation.
19/20 19/145	CTR > Pension	Fraud established. Account updated and liable party rebilled.
19/20 19-146	CTR > Pension	Closed – error identified. No financial impact.
19/20 19-147	CTR > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-148	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-149	CTR > Pension	Closed – error identified. No financial impact.
19/20 19-150	Creditors > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-151	HB/CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-152	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-154	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-159	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-160	CTR > Pension	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-161	CTR > Pension	Passed to Finance for adjudication 10/9/19.
19/20 19-162	CTR > Pension	Passed to Finance for adjudication 23/8/19.
19/20 19-163	CTR > CTR	Fraud established. Account updated and CTR has been adjusted. Case has been referred to debt recovery.
19/20 19-168	Recheck SPD > Pension	Error identified. Account updated. No financial impact.
19/20 19-169	Recheck SPD > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-170	Recheck SPD > DWP/Taxi Drivers	Closed – no fraud detected.
19/20 19-171	Recheck SPD > Payroll	Ongoing investigation.
19/20 19-172	Recheck SPD > Deferred Pension/ Payroll	Ongoing investigation.

4.3

SPOC Liaison 29/7/19 – 27/9/19

DWP Referrals	16 this period	30 to date
LAIEF requests actioned	16 this period	36 to date

4 Corporate Fraud Activity (Continued)

4.4 **Whistleblowing/Referrals**

Files closed/being investigated since the last Audit Committee are as follows:

File Ref	Description	Status
17/18 17-96	Council Tax Exemption	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
18/19 18-149	Single Person Discount	Passed to Finance for adjudication.
19/20 19-75	Potential Irregularity in Accounting Practices – Community Facility	Report finalised and issued to management. Summary findings included at Section 6 of this report.
19/20 19-94	Employee Fraud – Annual Leave	Closed – no fraud detected.
19/20 19-104	Employee Fraud – Flexi Leave	Referred to Service.
19/20 19-118	External Fraud – Payroll	Ongoing investigation.

4.5 In addition, the status of other enquiries received between 29/7/19 and 27/9/19 is as follows:

Blue Badge Enquiries					
Number of Enquiries	Misuse Identified		No misuse	Ongoing	
19	16		2	1	
Council Tax Referrals (Whistleblower/Services)					
Number of Enquiries	Fraud Established	No Fraud	Referred to Finance	Referred to External Agency	Ongoing
6	1	2	1	0	2

5 Ad hoc activities undertaken since the previous Audit Committee

5.1 From time to time, management will request the assistance of Internal Audit in certain activities that are in addition to the annual Operational Plan. Examples of such activities include investigations of alleged irregularities, review of changes in system procedures etc.

5.2 Contingency has been made available in the Operational Plan for such ad hoc activities. Since the previous Audit Committee, ad hoc activity undertaken in the period is as follows:

- Providing relevant information in relation to FOI requests.
- Providing risk management training to HSCP management.

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Summary: Section 1 Summary of Management Actions due for completion by 30/09/19

There were no actions due for completion by 30 September.

Section 2 Summary of Current Management Actions Plans at 30/09/19

At 30 September 2019 there were no audit reports delayed due to management not finalising the action plan within agreed timescales.

Section 3 Current Management Actions at 30/09/19

At 30 September 2019 there was a total of 7 current audit action points.

Section 4 Analysis of Missed Deadlines

At 30 September 2019 there was one audit action point where the agreed deadline had been missed.

Section 5 Summary of Action Plan Points by Audit Year

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
 REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
 STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
 SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY 30.09.19**

SECTION 2

Directorate	No. of Actions Due	No. of Actions Completed	Deadline missed Revised date set*	Deadline missed Revised date to be set*
Environment, Regeneration & Resources	0	0		
Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)	0	0		
Education, Communities and Organisational Development	0	0		
Total	0	0		

* These actions are included in the Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
 REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
 STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
 SUMMARY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS AS AT 30.09.19**

SECTION 2

CURRENT ACTIONS BY DIRECTORATE

Environment, Regeneration and Resources	
Due for completion January 2020	1
Total Actions	1
HSCP	
Due for completion November 2019	2
Due for completion December 2019	1
Due for completion November 2020	1
Total Actions	4
Education, Communities and Organisational Development	
Due for completion October 2019	2
Total Actions	2
Total current actions:	7

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 30.09.19**

SECTION 3

Environment, Regeneration and Resources

Action	Owner	Expected Date
Waste Management (September 2019)		
<p>Adequacy of Contract Monitoring Procedures (Amber) Management will ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the central spreadsheet is updated with new contract details and communicated to staff; • as part of the invoice authorisation process, a check of the contract price is carried out to ensure accuracy of the calculated income; • arrangements are put in place to recover the income owed to Inverclyde Council due to the incorrect pricing structure being applied in error; and • formal contractual agreements will be put in place regarding hard plastics and gully and street sweeping. 	Team Leader Environmental Services	31.01.20

HSCP

Action	Owner	Expected Date
Stock and Inventory Control (March 2019)		
<p>Adequacy of Stock Controls within Inverclyde Centre for Independent Living (Amber) Funding has been secured to procure a new stock control system which will be used for ICIL equipment. As an interim measure, managers have carried out a manual stock check and a year-end stock check will be carried out by end of March.</p>	Service Manager (Innovation and ICIL)	31.12.19
HSCP Contract Management (July 2019)		
<p>Adequacy of Contract Management Framework documentation (Amber) Management will finalise the draft guidance on the management of underperforming HSCP service providers. In turn, the final guidance will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • submitted to the Health & Social Care Committee for approval; • included within the next update of the Contract Management Framework; and • communicated to all relevant officers. 	Service Manager (Quality and Development)	30.11.19

* See Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 30.09.19**

SECTION 3

HSCP (Continued)

Action	Owner	Expected Date
HSCP Contract Management (July 2019)		
The finalised guidance will be formally reviewed for its effectiveness within a year of its being applied in practice.	Service Manager (Quality and Development)	30.11.20
Management will review the monitoring indicators contained within the Contract Management Framework.	Service Manager (Quality and Development)	30.11.19

Education, Communities and Organisational Development

Action	Owner	Expected Date
Education CSA (December 2018)		
Managing GDPR and Information Governance (Amber) Management will develop and implement an Education wide action plan which appropriately manages GDPR and information governance requirements along with trying to minimise variances in local practice between Education establishments.	Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources	31.10.19
Management will address specific issues regarding the implementation of GDPR.	Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources	31.10.19*

* See Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
ANALYSIS OF MISSED DEADLINES**

SECTION 4

Report	Action	Original Date	Revised Date	Management Comments
Education CSA (December 2018)	Managing GDPR and Information Governance (Amber) Management will address specific issues regarding the implementation of GDPR.	30.04.19	31.10.19	<p>A number of actions have been implemented however work is ongoing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formalise the sharing of data between Education Services and the Inverclyde HSCP; • provide staff with guidance on when consent is required before information is shared with other Services or agencies along with specifying how best to record consent; • develop an Education data sharing template for use with all relevant external organisations • develop guidance on GDPR and information governance which is written from the perspective of staff who work within Education Services and this guidance will aim to address key issues. <p>Assistance is required from the Information Governance team to finalise these issues.</p>

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS (RED AND AMBER ONLY)
SUMMARY OF ACTION PLAN POINTS BY AUDIT YEAR**

SECTION 5

The following table sets out the total number of agreed actions raised by audit year together with their completion status as at 30 September 2019.

Audit Year	Total Agreed Actions	Total Actions Completed	Total Current Actions Not Yet Due*		
			Red	Amber	Green
2013/2014	116	116	0	0	0
2014/2015	77	77	0	0	0
2015/2016	52	52	0	0	0
2016/2017	66	66	0	0	0
2017/2018	53	47	0	0	6
2018/2019	45	21	0	3	21
2019/2020	7	0	0	4	3
Total	416	379	0	7	30

*This part of the table sets out the total number of current actions not yet due at the date of the follow up report. The AMBER actions are included in Section 3 of the follow up report.

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Subject:	EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLANS - CURRENT ACTIONS		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 30 September 2019.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Chief Internal Auditor co-ordinates follow up reporting on current actions arising from External Audit Action Plans on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.

2.2 There were no actions due for completion by 30 September 2019.

2.3 There are 4 current external audit actions being progressed by officers.

2.4 The CMT has reviewed and agreed the current status of actions.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that members note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions.

Scott Allan
Corporate Director Environment Regeneration and Resources

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 External Audit regularly report findings and action plans to relevant Council Officers and the Audit Committee as part of their annual audit plan.
- 4.2 A follow up process is in place to allow follow up of current external audit actions to be co-ordinated and updated by Internal Audit on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.

5.0 CURRENT STATUS

- 5.1 There were no actions due for completion by 30 September 2019.
- 5.2 There are 4 current external audit actions points being progressed by officers.
- 5.3 The CMT has reviewed and agreed the current status of actions.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Human Resources

There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

6.4 Equalities

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

6.5 Repopulation

There are no direct repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Relevant Officers were asked to provide updates to the report as appropriate.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 External Audit reports. Copies available from Andi Priestman, Chief Internal Auditor.

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Summary: Section 1 Summary of Management Actions due for completion by 30/09/19

There were no items due for completion by 30 September 2019.

Section 2 Summary of Current Management Actions Plans at 30/09/19

At 30 September 2019 there were no audit reports delayed due to management not finalising the action plan within agreed timescales.

Section 3 Current Management Actions at 30/09/19

At 30 September 2019 there were 4 current audit action points.

Section 4 Analysis of Missed Deadlines

At 30 September 2019 there were no audit action points where the agreed deadline had been missed.

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SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY 30.09.19

SECTION 1

Area	No. of Actions Due	No. of Actions Completed	Deadline missed Revised date set*	Deadline missed Revised date to be set*	No action proposed
Chief Executive	0				
Environment, Regeneration and Resources	0				
Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)	0				
Education, Communities and Organisational Development	0				
Total	0				

* These actions are included in the Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 30.09.19

SECTION 2

CURRENT ACTIONS BY DIRECTORATE

Environment, Regeneration and Resources	
Due for completion November 2019	1
Due for completion January 2020	1
Due for completion February 2020	1
Due for completion March 2020	1
Total Actions	4
Total current actions:	4

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SECTION 2

Environment, Regeneration and Resources

Action	Owner	Expected Date
2018/2019 Annual Audit Report (September 2019)		
Council Tax bad debt provision policy Bad debt policy to be reviewed and resource to carry out a secondary check of year end entries to be identified.	Chief Financial Officer	30.11.19
Fixed Asset Register Address software issues with supplier and identify time in the year end timetable for further checks of reasonableness of entries.	Finance Manager (Environment and Corporate)	31.01.20
Management commentary Management commentary will be comprehensively reviewed as part of the 2019/20 accounts preparation.	Chief Financial Officer	31.03.20
Inflation contingencies Review of all contingencies will be carried out during the 2020/21 Budget exercise.	Chief Financial Officer	28.02.20

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ANALYSIS OF MISSED DEADLINES**

SECTION 4

Report	Action	Original Date	Revised Date	Management Comments
There are no current action plans which have missed their original deadline.				