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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Internal Audit work carried out within Derry City and Strabane District Council in the period December 2018 to February 2019.

## **2 Background**

The aim of Internal Audit is to provide an independent assurance and advisory service, which will help the Council achieve its objectives and improve the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes. An operational Internal Audit Plan is agreed annually for Derry City and Strabane District Council.

## **3 Key Issues**

### **Derry City & Strabane District Council**

As per Council's Internal Audit Plan, the following Audit work has been finalised recently:

- Audit of Stores Follow up (Appendix A)
- Audit of North West Region Waste Management Group (Appendix B)

### **3.1 Audit of Stores Follow Up**

3.1.1 In November 2016, Internal Audit completed an audit of Stores Management and on the basis of the audit work carried out, the controls in place over Stores Management at that time provided the assurance level of 'Improvement Needed'. In total 14 overarching recommendation areas were made comprising 35 sub recommendations being made to strengthen the control environment. Internal Audit recently completed a follow up audit to determine whether the agreed recommendations had been implemented. From the 35 agreed recommendations made in the original audit report, 16 are fully implemented, 11 are partially implemented, 7 have not yet been implemented and 1 is no longer considered applicable.

3.1.2 Internal Audit has also made one new recommendation within this audit report which has been agreed with management. As a result of the progress that has been made since the original audit report this follow-up audit has been given the audit opinion of 'Satisfactory'. However there is still some work to be undertaken to address all the recommendations fully. The current position on each of the recommendations and the details of follow up testing are set out in the report which is attached at Appendix A for information.

## **3.2 Audit of North West Region Waste Management Group**

3.2.1 Audit is satisfied that the internal systems and controls are adequate and were operating effectively at the time of the audit review. Internal Audit made one recommendation as a result of this audit, however, the audit received a 'Satisfactory' assurance rating.

3.2.2 The Final Audit report is attached at Appendix B for information.

## **Financial and Other Implications**

No budget implications arise as a result of this business.

## **4 Recommendations**

To seek Member's comments on the Internal Audit Report.

## **Background Papers**

Appendix A

Appendix B