

Subject:	Internal Audit Progress Report	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Audit and Accounts Committee	Date:	12 th March 2012
Report of:	Head of Internal Audit	Portfolio Holder:	Finance and Resources
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Impact Assessment:	Required: No	Attached:	No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required: No	Attached:	No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit progress report for the period to 29 th February 2012.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To present the internal audit progress report covering the period to 29 February 2012.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
- **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
- **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation in this report involves risk considerations as set out below:

- The Committee's Terms of Reference include the duty to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service and to review internal audit reports.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 In the context of fulfilling its responsibility to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service, the Committee is asked to consider the audit inputs to the Audit Service assurance over the Authority's key controls.

5.2 The report, at Appendix A, provides a summary of internal audit activity undertaken in the 2011/12 financial year to 29 February 2012.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 Any financial implications are commented upon in the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 Any legal implications are commented upon in the report.

8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

8.1 No Human Resource implications.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

9.1 Reported findings have been discussed and agreed, including management responses to the recommendations, with respective service managers and heads of service prior to reporting.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The audit programme is progressing in line with the plan.

No background papers