

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: 30 May 2023

# **Report of:** Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources

Contact for further information: Jacqui Pendleton (Extn. 2603) (E-mail: Jacqueline.pendleton@westlancs.gov.uk)

## SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITIES – PROGRESS REPORT

Wards affected: Borough wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise of progress against the 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members note progress in the year to date.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This Committee approved the 2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Plan and reports on progress against this plan are presented at each meeting of the Committee.
- 3.2 This report summarises progress to date for the period 1 April 2022 to 15 May 2023. This work will inform the overall opinion in the Internal Audit Annual Report which is presented to this Committee.

## 4.0 INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY TO DATE

- 4.1 An appendix summarising progress to date and any significant issues arising is attached, and the Corporate Compliance & Governance Manager will attend the meeting should Members have any questions.
- 4.2 Progress against the revised Internal Audit Annual Plan for the period 1 April 2022 to 15 May 2023 is satisfactory with 91% of planned work completed.

## 5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

## 6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The financial and resource implications arising from activity identified in this report are included in existing budget provisions.

## 7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 This report summarises progress against Internal Audit's work programme to date. Internal Audit's work is a key source of assurance to this Committee in relation to the risk management, control and governance processes the Council has in place to secure its objectives.

## 8.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

### Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## **Appendices**

1. Internal Audit Activities – Progress Report