



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 19/45

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	6 December 2019
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Progress Report
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report provides Members with an update on the progress of work against the outstanding internal audit recommended improvements.</p> <p>Positive progress continues to be made against the actions identified.</p> <p>Detail on progress is provided within Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan Activities.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	Although a number of recommendations have been identified, none were judged to represent a significant risk to the Authority.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and approve the progress made</li> </ol>
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report

APPENDICES	Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan Activities
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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At each meeting, the Authority's internal auditors present their findings following an agreed programme of quarterly audits.
- 1.2 To support this, the auditors' findings are aligned to improvement activities to strengthen and resolve the identified issues, and these form the basis of the Service's Audit Improvement Plan.
- 1.3 This report contains progress against each of the improvements within the plan.

## **2. Improvement areas**

- 2.1 A number of recommendations have been identified within the audits; however, none have been judged to represent a significant risk to the Authority.
- 2.2 All recommendations have been recorded within Appendix A, Audit Improvement Plan Activities, where details of the Service's progress have been set out.
- 2.3 The Service will continue to review the audit improvement activities at their monthly delivery team meetings and will provide a focus on those reported with delays to ensure appropriate support is provided for their successful delivery.
- 2.4 As previously agreed, once considered by Members, those activities from the previous quarter's audits which were reported as complete will be removed from subsequent reports.

## **3. Summary and key points**

- 3.1 The Service continues to positively progress the audit improvements with progress of the improvement plan being continually monitored by Directors within their delivery team meetings.
- 3.2 The Finance & Audit Committee will receive an updated report at their next meeting on 5 March 2020, which will include progress made on the outstanding audit improvements.

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