

RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

Internal Audit Progress Report (Minute 17, Audit Committee – 10 September 2013)

The Committee considered a report providing details of the progress of the Internal Audit Team in delivering the Annual Internal Audit Plan 2013/14 and outcomes of final internal audit reports issued since the meeting of the Audit Committee in June 2013.

Three planned reviews had been finalised with a further five were shown as work in progress.

The Committee expressed concern surrounding the outcome of the audit of IT Implementation and Network. The Audit, Risk and Anti Fraud Manager reported that since the audit, five out of six recommendations had been implemented and based on the actions taken by management to date there was no longer a matter of concern, if the audit were undertaken now the audit opinion would be 'Good'.

Members reported that they would like to continue monitoring IT and the Chief Finance Officer suggested that a further report could be provided to the Committee following the IT Audit Review which would be undertaken in January 2013.

A Member suggested that the Committee should ask the Environment and Local Planning Advisory Committee to look at issues surrounding the future of the Dunbrik site.

The Committee expressed concern that the Environmental Health Partnership schedule between Dartford Borough Council and Sevenoaks District Council had not been formally agreed and signed. The Chief Officer Legal and Governance and the Audit, Risk and Anti Fraud Manager confirmed that agreements were in place and working arrangements and the delivery of the service had not been impeded. However, Members were still not satisfied that the agreement had not been formally signed and suggested that this was something else that the Environment and Local Planning Advisory Committee may wish to investigate.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That

- (a) the report and progress made by the Audit Team in delivering the 2013/14 Annual Internal Audit Plan be noted; and
- (b) the Environment and Local Planning Advisory Committee be asked to look at issues surrounding the future of the Dunbrik site.

Following the meeting the Chief Officer Legal and Governance followed up on the matter concerning the Environmental Health Partnership schedule between Dartford Borough Council and Sevenoaks District Council had not been formally agreed and signed.