

2019/20 Internal Audit Mid-Year Progress Report

Report of the County Treasurer

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendations:

- i. that the Committee reviews and notes the overall assurance opinion.
- ii. that members review and consider the performance of Devon Audit Partnership in the first half of the year.
- iii. that members review and consider the outcomes of the work completed to date.
- iv. that members review and note the ongoing commitment to counter fraud activities.

The key objective of Internal Audit is to provide assurance to Members, Leadership Group and the County Treasurer (as the Council's "section 151 responsible officer"), on the adequacy and security of those systems on which the County Council relies for its internal control, both financial and management.

The attached report provides the mid-year audit opinion of the Council's Internal Audit Service (Devon Audit Partnership) and describes the progress to date against the internal audit plans for 2019/20 that were approved by the Audit Committee in March 2019.

This work and the continuing contribution of Devon Audit Partnership to both risk management and anti-fraud arrangements within the Council, lead to an opinion that the Council continues to have an effective framework of control which provides reasonable assurance regarding the effective, efficient and economic achievement of its objectives. The Committee can take assurance from these findings.

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Electoral Divisions: All
Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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<u>Background Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Ref</u>
Nil		

There are no equality issues associated with this report.