

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee
DATE	29 September 2015
DIRECTOR	N/A
TITLE OF REPORT	Internal Audit Recommendations – 2015/16
REPORT NUMBER	N/A
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report advises the Committee of progress with implementing agreed recommendations contained in reports issued in relation to the 2015/16 Internal Audit plan and any additional work undertaken.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to review, discuss and comment on the issues raised within this report and the attached appendices.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

### **4. PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTING AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Appendices A and B show progress made by Services with completing agreed Internal Audit recommendations, based on assurances received from officers tasked with their implementation and independent checks where appropriate.
- 4.2 Where these have not been completed by their original due date, reasons are provided along with the grading applied to the recommendation in the original Internal Audit report. An explanation of the gradings used is shown at appendix C.

### **5. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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## APPENDIX A

### POSITION WITH AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AS AT 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

#### SUMMARY

The following table provides a summary of progress being made by Services with completing agreed recommendations. The total not fully complete, which had an original due date of before 31 August 2015, is zero. Full details relating to progress, on a report by report basis, are shown in appendix B.

Recommendations							Grading of Overdue Recommendations		
SERVICE	Agreed in reports shown in Appendix B	Due for completion by 01.04.15	Confirmed complete by Service	New in July and August 2015	Confirmed complete by Service	Not fully complete by original due date of 31.08.15	Major	Significant	Important
<b>Cross Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</b>	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Corporate Governance</b>	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Education and Children's Services</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0

## APPENDIX B

### POSITION WITH AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AS AT 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

Report Number	Report Title	Date Issued	Number of Recommendations				
			Agreed in Report	Due for implementation by 31.08.15	Confirmed Implemented by Service	<b>Not implemented by original due date</b>	Grading of overdue recommendations

#### COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AC1603	Council House Rent Setting	July 2015	4	1	1	0	0
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#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

AC1601 AW	Council Tax Billing 2014/15	July 2015	2	1	1	0	0
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## APPENDIX C

### Grading of Recommendations

GRADE	DEFINITION
<b>Major at a Corporate Level</b>	The absence of, or failure to comply with, an appropriate internal control which could result in, for example, a material financial loss, or loss of reputation, to the Council.
<b>Major at a Service Level / within audited area</b>	<p>The absence of, or failure to comply with, an appropriate internal control which could result in, for example, a material financial loss to the Service/area audited.</p> <p>Financial Regulations have been consistently breached.</p>
<b>Significant within audited area</b>	<p>Addressing this issue will enhance internal controls.</p> <p>An element of control is missing or only partial in nature.</p> <p>The existence of the weakness identified has an impact on a system's adequacy and effectiveness.</p> <p>Financial Regulations have been breached.</p>
<b>Important within audited area</b>	Although the element of internal control is satisfactory, a control weakness was identified, the existence of the weakness, taken independently or with other findings does not impair the overall system of internal control.