

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**10 May 2016**

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Outstanding Audit Recommendations
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<b>Policy context:</b>	To advise the Committee on progress to implement the recommendations raised in prior years by Internal Audit.
<b>Financial summary:</b>	N/A

### **The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	[X]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	[X]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	[X]

### **SUMMARY**

As part of the quarterly composite Audit report, the Audit Committee receives an update on the number of outstanding audit recommendations from audits undertaken. This report presents the annual review of recommendations undertaken and is presented to the Committee to enable members to consider the risk arising from recommendations due but not implemented.

Auditors are responsible for audit recommendations until they are implemented. The report detail includes information about this year's process to update the recommendations and Appendix 1 contains the full list of outstanding recommendations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To raise questions for management regarding progress and risk presented from the recommendations not being implemented.

## REPORT DETAIL

The annual full review of recommendations has taken place; all recommendations have been reviewed and updated. The auditors who raise the recommendations are responsible for monitoring and obtaining an update when the deadline is reached. The Principal Auditor (Systems and Risk Management) is responsible for quality review of this work.

Management are asked to provide updates regarding recommendations and a sample is confirmed as complete via audit testing.

Following this year's annual review there are 23 recommendations on the outstanding list (5 High, 16 Medium and 2 Low risk recommendations).

3 relate to 2012/2013.

1 relate to 2013/2014.

17 relate to 2014/2015 (5 High recommendations).

2 relate to 2015/2016.

The recommendations will continue to be followed up on a quarterly basis and summary tables presented to the other quarterly Audit Committee meetings.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### **Financial implications and risks:**

None directly arising from this report. Managers have the opportunity to comment on audit recommendations before they are finalised. In accepting audit recommendations, managers are obligated to consider financial risks and costs associated with the implications of the recommendations. Resources to follow up audit work are included within the annual audit plan and provided within existing budgets.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

None arising directly from this report

**Human Resources implications and risks:**

None arising directly from this report.

**Equalities implications and risks:**

None arising directly from this report

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Update reports provided quarterly to the committee