

15. Report from the Audit Committee

Purpose of report

1. To inform the Authority of the proceedings of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 21 April 2011.
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Recommendation

The Audit Committee recommends that the Authority note the proceedings of the Committee Meeting held on 21 April 2011.

Business conducted at the Meeting

2. The main items for consideration at the meeting were presented by the Treasurer and included:

Internal Audit Update

3. The Treasurer provided an update on Internal Audit Activities since the Audit Committee meeting on 26 January 2011. He reported that work was progressing satisfactorily and that the 2010/11 programme would be completed in the near future.
4. The Committee noted that Worcestershire County Council was considering the future provision of this service to the Authority.

National Fraud Initiative

5. The Director of Finance informed Members of the results of the National Fraud Initiatives (NFI), the actions taken by Officers and subsequent outcomes.
6. The meeting heard that all of the data matches identified through the NFI had been investigated and no fraud was discovered.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011

7. The Committee noted the revised deadlines and arrangements for the approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts introduced by these Regulations and agreed to change the date of the Committee meeting scheduled for 12 October to 28 September (after the Authority meeting on that day) in order to meet the requirement to approve the Annual Statement of Accounts by the new deadline of 30 September 2011.

Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	N	

Legal Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration	N	

Additional Considerations

8. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e. paragraph no.
Resources (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).	N	
Strategic Policy Links (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact).	N	
Risk Management / Health & Safety (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).	N	
Consultation with Representative Bodies	N	

Supporting Information:

Background Papers: Agenda and Reports for the Audit Committee Meeting on 21 April 2011 (see www.hwfire.org.uk).

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