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**Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge
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SUBJECT: NEW INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL			FINANCIAL	✓
HUMAN RESOURCES			EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL			POLICY	
CORPORATE RISK	Known	✓	OTHER (please specify)	
	New			

Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

PURPOSE:

To present the report on internal audits completed since the last meeting of the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members receive the attached internal audit report and endorse the associated management comments/actions which will be added to the Audit and Governance Action Plan Monitoring report.

1. Background

1.1 Internal audits are completed in accordance with the Internal Audit Annual Plan agreed by the Audit and Standards Committee.

1.2 Each internal audit report details:

- the specific audit conducted;

- the scope of the audit;
 - an assessment of the controls in place to manage the relevant objectives and risks;
 - the auditors recommendations and priority of these; and
 - an action plan which has been agreed with the appropriate Functional Head and approved by the relevant Principal Officer for incorporation into the Audit and Governance Actions Monitoring report.
- 1.3 All internal audit reports are presented to the appropriate Policy and Challenge Group for endorsement of the actions arising.
2. Internal Audit Reports
- 2.1 The Appendix A to this report presents the internal audit reports on:
- Collaboration Policing and Crime Act 2017 (completed on 26 July 2017; report finalised on 9 November 2017 (Appendix A). This audit report has been considered by the Blue Light Collaboration Board. Conclusion: Recognising that the work of BFRS within the Collaboration Programme is at the early stages, in partnership with its blue light collaborative partners, RSM have undertaken this work in an advisory capacity and are not providing a formal opinion.
- 2.2 The actions arising from the above audits will be incorporated as 'new' actions within the Audit and Governance Actions Monitoring Report in June 2018 for on-going monitoring by the Policy and Challenge Group. It should be noted that there has already been activity to progress the actions highlighted within the audit report, with evidence provided to conclude one medium and four low risk outcomes, with one further low risk outcome being progressed.
- 2.3 Any slippage or other exceptions arising will also be reported to and monitored by the Audit and Standards Committee.

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