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Internal Audit Progress Report

Audit and Standards Committee

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1 PROGRESS UPDATE

The internal audit plan for 2018/19 was approved by the Audit & Standards Committee in March 2018. Below provides a summary update on progress against that plan and summarises the results of our work to date.

Audit Assignments completed since the last Audit & Standards Committee

We have not finalised any reports since the previous meeting.

Assignments	Date Planned	Opinion issued	Actions agreed		
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Governance	Draft Report – Issued 2 August 2018				
Use of Risk Information	In Progress				
Key Financial Controls	19 November 2018				
Risk Management	14 January 2019				
Asset Management	11 February 2019				
Follow Up	4 March 2019				
Cyber Security	TBC				

2 OTHER MATTERS

2.1 Head of Internal Audit Opinion

The Audit and Standards Committee should note that the assurances given in our audit assignments are included within our Annual Assurance report. The Committee should note that any negative assurance opinions will need to be noted in the annual report and may result in a qualified or negative annual opinion.

We have not issued any negative opinions to date in relation to 2018/19 and therefore anticpate issuing a positive opinion at the year end (subject to the remaining audits).

2.2 Changes to audit plan

There have been no changes to the audit plan since the last Committee meeting.

2.3 Information and briefings

We will be issuing our next Emergency Services sector briefing in September 2018 and this will be included on the agenda for the Committee if it has been issued in time.

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