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Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group  
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**SUBJECT:** NEW INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

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Background Papers: RSM Strategy for Internal Audit  
Bedfordshire Fire Authority 2017/18 to 2019/20

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Implications (tick ✓):

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

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

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## **PURPOSE:**

To present the report on internal audits completed since the last meeting of the Corporate Services 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.

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### 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. The Governance audit report was presented to the Audit and Standards Committee on the 14 June 2017.

## 2. Internal Audit Reports

2.1 The Appendix A to this report presents the internal audit reports on:

- Governance – Transparency and Decision Making (completed on 10 February 2017; report finalised on 4 May 2017 2017) (Appendix A). Conclusion: Amber – Reasonable Assurance.
- Risk Management (completed on 5 April 2017; report finalised on 12 May 2017) (Appendix B). Conclusion: Amber – Reasonable Assurance.
- Follow Up (completed on 8 March 2017; report finalised on 9 May 2017) (Appendix C). Conclusion: Good Progress.

2.2 The actions arising from the above audits will be incorporated as ‘new’ actions within the Audit and Governance Actions Monitoring Report in September 2017 for on-going monitoring by the Policy and Challenge Group.

2.3 Any slippage or other exceptions arising will also be reported to and monitored by the Audit and Standards Committee.

**ZOE EVANS**

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