

Shared Services Joint Committee

Report by Shared Service Manager – Audit and Fraud

11 December 2020

Subject: Internal Audit and Fraud Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress in relation to the shared management approach agreed and implemented within the Internal Audit and Fraud service together with information as to potential future further options.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of the report and progress against the current action plan to March 2021.

3. Progress Update

- 3.1 The formal appointment of the Shared Manager – Audit and Fraud was made on 1 January 2020.
- 3.2 An action plan was developed for the short to medium term which is set out at Appendix 1 and includes progress to date against the following:
1. Workstreams across WDC and IC for January to March 2020.
 2. Workstreams across WDC and IC for April 2020 to March 2021.
 3. Further development of audit planning, methodology and reporting to provide a high quality service to both Councils.
- 3.3 As can be seen from the action plan update good progress has been made and that further opportunities will be considered for further development of shared/joint approaches to service provision across the two Councils.

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Appendices: Action Plan