

7. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Internal Audit Manager setting out progress in relation to the completion of the annual audit plan for 2009/10.

The report explained that the report was brought to the Committee as directed at its meeting in September 2009 when it noted that due to the volume of reactive work, systems audit work was behind schedule.

The Internal Audit Manager advised that reactive work had not continued to the same extent as previously which had enabled some progress on planned work to be made. Audit reports have been issued on the monitoring of the corporate plan, financial administration within community centres, monitoring of council vehicles' fuel consumption, and supplies contracts tender evaluation. Reports on bank reconciliations, the Impensa expenses system and e-procurement were in draft with services awaiting the return of action plans.

He went on to advise that he expected the level of reactive work to continue to increase due to the down-sizing in the council's operation as a result of the recession and expenditure reduction which would give rise to an increased need to ensure that the council continued to operate safely.

The Committee was invited to note the terms of the report.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To note the expectation of an increase in the level of reactive work in future.