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ITEM: 10
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF RECENT INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED
AUTHOR: CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report concerning recently completed internal audits and the subsequent reports released since the previous report dated 16 August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received and the contents noted.

RELATED PARTIES

Not applicable

ADVANCE IPSWICH THEME LINKAGE

The intention is for the Internal Audit activity to support all five themes:
Strengthening our local economy and building prosperity
Managing growth and delivering key infrastructure
Caring for the community
Caring for the environment
Listening, leading and financial management

Individual internal audits and corrupt conduct investigations will to a varying degree support these themes, but the main objective for Internal Audit is to support the organisation in achieving its objectives.

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Since 16 August 2019, Internal Audit has issued/finalised 2 Internal Audit reports/Consulting Tasks and the extracts of the reports containing the audit recommendations, management response and agreed action by date, are attached to enable any further discussion that may be required by the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Control Environment Opinion Summary over Areas in Scope of Audits	5	4	3	2	1
Objective (A1819-11)			✓		
Operation of Fleet and Plant Audit (A1819-12)			✓		

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Resources are provided to internal audit through the annual audit plan and budgeting processes. No additional resources were required because of this report.

Rating Definitions	
5	Indicates unacceptable control environment or critical operating or control problems or extreme exposure.
4	Indicates unsatisfactory control environment or significant operational, procedural or control deficiencies or high exposure.
3	Indicates limited control environment or some operational, procedural or control deficiencies, issues or moderate exposure
2	Indicates acceptable control environment or minor operational, procedural or control deficiencies, issues or exposure.
1	Indicates well controlled environment or no or limited unfavourable audit findings, observations or exposure.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Each of the individual reports provides for a control environment opinion as well as individual risk ratings per individual findings and recommendations. The importance is for management to implement the individual recommendations well to either address or diminish the exposure for Council, or explain why it is acceptable to not implement the suggested improvements. As per the corrupt conduct investigation, the findings and risks vary in each situation and are discussed in the confidential reports. Having said that the key risks are still if the information is not well presented, well understood or does not generate an appropriate response.

LEGAL/POLICY BASIS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Internal Audit mostly consults internally to the organisation and its management in conducting the internal audits and finalising the reports.

CONCLUSION

The attached executive summary of reports provides for the individual opinion as per each report.

ATTACHMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND PAPERS

	CONFIDENTIAL
1.	Executive Summary of Recent Reports Issued
2.	Audit Report No. A1819-11
3.	Audit Report No. A1819-12

Freddy Beck
CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE

I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.

Freddy Beck
CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE

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