Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE   29 September 2015

Audit Reports & Audit Progress Report

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendation

The committee is requested to note the audit reports and the audit plan progress.

3. Main Report

3.1. Safety Inspections (Zurich)

This audit focused on the safety checks undertaken by Zurich engineering; checks undertaken by the Council were not included. Overall Internal Audit has been reassured that inspections are being undertaken but have identified areas where controls could be strengthened. Three recommendations have been made two high priority and one medium priority.

3.2. Development Management Audit

This audit focused on the processes for development management for planning services for SDNPA and that they were identified and documented. In addition, testing was undertaken of planning applications for SDNPA to identify and test that income is properly accounted for. Areas that were not tested were Development Management processes for CDC (i.e. not SDNPA) and planning enforcement and section 106 agreements for SDNPA.

Overall Internal Audit found that the controls appear to be working satisfactorily in relation to where SDNPA planning applications are handled by the CDC's development management team, the evidence for performance monitoring could be improved. Three recommendations have been made one medium priority and two low priority.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

4.1. Not Applicable

5. Alternatives that have been considered

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Resource and legal implications

    6.1. Not Applicable

7. Consultation

    7.1. Not Applicable

8. Community impact and corporate risks

    8.1. Not Applicable

9. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		√
Climate Change:		√
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		√
Safeguarding:		√
Other (Please specify):		√

10. Appendices

    10.1. Progress Report – Audit Plan
    10.2. Development Management Audit
    10.3. Safety Inspections (Zurich)

11. Background Papers

    13.1 None