

Report to:	Scrutiny and Overview Committee 11 November 2021
Lead Officer:	Stephen Kelly – Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Planning Performance – follow-up review

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Scrutiny & Overview Committee of the Internal Audit review of Planning – Performance Management.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee notes the contents of the report included at Appendix A.

Reasons for Recommendations

3. The Council requested that Internal Audit complete a review of Planning Performance and data, and this was previously reported to the Scrutiny & Overview Committee in April 2021. It is good practice to follow-up the implementation of agreed management actions, and the Committee requested an update on their progress. The appended report summarises the findings of this latest review.

Details

4. Our objective was to review if the agreed management actions, included from our previous report, had been implemented. We supplemented this by reviewing the calculation process, and the supporting evidence used to complete the calculations in the next available quarter of data from the planning system.
5. The outcome of our review is detailed in the appended report.

Implications

6. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:

Risks/Opportunities

7. We consider the risks related to review as part of our planning process. The key risks that we identified were non-compliance with policy and procedure, leading to reputational risk and the unplanned consumption of resources and expenditure to rectify errors. Developing improvements in the internal controls will help to mitigate this risk.

Alignment with Council Priority Areas

8. This review supports the Growing local businesses and economies priority area in the Business Plan, as the Council aims to provide our customers with high-quality services, and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

Background Papers

Previous report to Scrutiny and Overview Committee – April 2021.

Appendices

Appendix A: Internal Audit Report: Planning - Performance Management

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