

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of meeting: 25 March 2019

By: Chief Operating Officer

Title: Orbis Budget Management Audit - Update report

Purpose: To provide an update on the Orbis Budget Management Audit report from the November Audit Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit Committee is recommended to:

1) note and comment on the management actions that have been taken in response to the partial assurance provided from the Orbis Integrated Budget Management audit that was undertaken in September 2018.

1 Background

1.1 The Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Quarter 2 Progress Report 2018/19 was presented at the Audit Committee meeting on 22 November, which provided an audit report on Orbis' Integrated Budget Management.

1.2 It was recognised that the integrated budget monitoring and management arrangements were in their infancy and included increased complexity as it required monitoring across the three Councils' separate financial systems.

1.3 At that stage, an audit opinion of Partial Assurance was given, recognising that there were some weaknesses in the system of control and compliance.

1.4 The Audit Committee requested that they were provided with an update report on progress since this Audit from September 2018.

2 Supporting information

2.1 Appendix 1 provides an update on the management actions taken to mitigate the areas of partial assurance highlighted in the audit report.

2.2 A follow up audit will be included in Q1 of the Internal Audit Plan in 2019, which will be reported to the September meeting of the Audit Committee.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Audit Committee is recommended to note and comment on the management actions that have been taken in response to the partial assurance provided in the audit undertaken on Orbis Integrated Budget Management.

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