

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Date of Meeting	30 June 2016

LIGHTPOOL PROJECT – INTERNAL AUDIT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To update the Audit Committee on actions taken to address the recommendations of the Internal Audit review on the LightPool project dated 11 February 2016.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Audit Committee is asked to consider the updates on the actions taken.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The update is presented following a request from the Audit Committee at its last meeting on 26 May 2016.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 At its meeting of 26 May 2016, the Audit Committee agreed to request that the Director of Place be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee in order to provide an explanation for controls being inadequate in relation to the LightPool internal audit review and to provide a progress report detailing how the concerns of the audit had been mitigated.

5.2 On 11 February 2016, Internal Audit issued its report on the review of the LightPool project, which had been established to:

- Review the LightPool project business plan and its alignment with the details in the bid document.
- Assess whether the LightPool business plan is robust, setting out aims and measures that will help to facilitate the successful completion of the Illuminations development and enable success in achieving sustainability and wider economic benefits into the long term future.
- Assess whether anticipated outcomes are beginning to be achieved in the first season for LightPool and whether monitoring procedures implemented to date are robust.

5.3 The detailed findings and recommendations of the Internal Audit are included in attached report (Appendix 3a). The Director of Place will be in attendance at the meeting to answer questions from the Committee in relation to the report and update Members on the progress of mitigating the concerns raised in the report.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 3a – Internal Audit Report - Review of the LightPool Project.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Contained within the report (Appendix 3a).

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Contained within the report (Appendix 3a).

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None