Report to: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Relevant Officers: Tim Coglan, Head of Public Protection

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Services

Date of Meeting: 30 September 2021

## **AUDIT FOLLOW UP – CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit report of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) issued on 20 July 2020.

## 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the actions being implemented to address the audit recommendations relating to CCTV.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To enable the Audit Committee to consider an update and progress report on the audit recommendations.
- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

# 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

#### 5.0 Council priority:

- 5.1 The relevant Council priority is:
  - Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

#### 6.0 Background information

- At its meeting in April 2020, the Audit Committee agreed to invite Heads of Service to the meeting to provide an update in relation to internal audit recommendation implementation.
- 6.2 The report being considered at this meeting relates to the CCTV audit with the scope and assurance statement as follows:

### 6.3 **Scope**

The scope of the audit was to review the current position in terms of provision of CCTV cameras, whether they are operational and being correctly charged for. The robustness of the new CCTV proposal was also considered.

#### **Assurance Statement**

Internal Audit consider the controls in place to be inadequate with a number of material risks identified and significant improvement required. In particular, main concerns relate to the provision of cameras previously purchased and maintained via ward budgets, the robustness of the inventory and the need to obtain procurement advice for the CCTV development project. A number of recommendations have been made to help improve the controls in these and other areas.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

### 7.0 List of Appendices:

- 7.1 Appendix 3(a) Internal Audit Recommendations and Agreed Actions.
- 8.0 Financial considerations:
- 8.1 The controls being implemented will be done so within current budget constraints.
- 9.0 Legal considerations:
- 9.1 Risks need to be effectively managed in order to comply with relevant legislation.
- 10.0 Risk management considerations:
- 10.1 To enable the Audit Committee to gain assurance that risks are being effectively managed.
- 11.0 Equalities considerations:
- 11.1 None.
- 12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:
- 12.1 None.
- 13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:
- 13.1 The progress report has been prepared in conjunction with the relevant Heads of Service and Chief Officers.
- 14.0 Background papers:
- 14.1 None.