

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officers:	Lee Frudd, Head of Strategic Leisure Assets Alan Cavill, Director of Communication and Regeneration
Date of Meeting:	11 November 2021

AUDIT FOLLOW UP – STRATEGIC LEISURE ASSETS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit report of Strategic Leisure Assets issued on 16 February 2021.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the actions being implemented to address the audit recommendations relating to Strategic Leisure Assets.

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:
- The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool.

6.0 Background information

- 6.1 At its meeting in April 2021, 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 Strategic Leisure Assets audit with the scope and assurance statement as follows:

6.3 **Scope**

The scope of the audit was to review:

- That deficit plans are robust and deliverable;
- Benefit realisation in terms of jobs and economy;
- Monitoring arrangements for profit share and income forecasts; and
- Impacts of Covid-19 on current and future plans.

Assurance Statement

It was considered that the controls in place in relation to Strategic Leisure Assets are adequate overall, with some risks identified and assessed and several changes recommended. Whilst there is a significant deficit against the scheme, which has been increased further by the pandemic, plans are in place to recover this over the coming years.

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 Where equality analysis is appropriate these will have been undertaken whilst making decisions relating to the Strategic Leisure Assets.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 Any matters relating to sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations will be considered when making decisions relating to the Strategic Leisure Assets.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 The progress report has been prepared in conjunction with the relevant Head of Service and Chief Officer.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.