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NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**RESOURCES, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH
2025**

INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2024/25

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1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee with an overview of internal audit activity completed in accordance with the approved audit plan and to provide an overview of the status of 'live' reports.

2 Summary

2.1 Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, the New Forest National Park Authority is responsible for:

- ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of functions and includes arrangements for the management of risk; and
- undertaking an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control.

2.2 In accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and the Authority's Internal Audit Charter, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written status report to the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee, summarising:

"communications on the internal audit activity's performance relative to its' plan"

2.3 The Internal Audit Progress Report (**Appendix A**) summarises the performance of Internal Audit for 2024/25 to 14th February 2025 and provides an update on the status of 'live' reports i.e. an update on the

Authority's progress with implementing actions arising from previous audit reviews.

3 Additional Information

- 3.1 Provision for the delivery of Internal Audit is included within the Authority's Financial Service Level Agreement with New Forest District Council.

4 Recommendation

That Committee members note the Internal Audit Progress Report for 2024/25 (Appendix A).

Appendices:

Appendix A – Internal Audit Progress Report 2024/25 (February 2025)

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