



**Audit Advisory Committee**  
20 September 2017

**Report from the Chief Finance Officer**

For Information

Wards Affected: ALL

**Fire Servicing, Maintenance and Responsive Repairs of Fire Installations (Brent Housing Partnership) – Follow up of Implementation of Recommendations**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. As requested at the June 2017 meeting of the Audit Advisory Committee, an update on the status of the implementation of the recommendations in the 2015/16 internal audit report on 'Fire Servicing, Maintenance and Responsive Repairs of Fire Installations' is presented for consideration by Members.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Audit Advisory Committee notes the contents of the follow up internal audit report.

**3. Detail**

- 3.1. At the June Audit Advisory Committee, Members requested that a report be presented at the September 2017 meeting on the status of implementation of the recommendations in the 2015/16 internal audit report on 'Fire Servicing, Maintenance and Responsive Repairs of Fire Installations' which received a 'Nil Assurance' rating following the last audit.
- 3.2. In the previous report, sixteen recommendations (eleven priority 1, four priority 2 and one priority 3) were made and accepted by management. Based on the evidence presented, our follow up audit revealed that:
- Ten recommendations have been fully implemented [nine priority 1 and one priority 3],
  - One recommendation has been partially implemented [one 1].
  - One recommendation [priority 1] is not applicable. This is because no action has had to be taken to implement the recommendation. Management have asserted that the performance of the contractor has meant that no claim has had to be made for liquidated damages as a result of poor performance.

Details of the areas where there are outstanding actions are included at appendix A. Management have indicated that outstanding recommendations will be implemented by the end of October 2017.

*Please note that four recommendations (all priority 1) were not followed up as part of this review as they related to the procurement of the initial contract which has not been re-let since the audit was initially undertaken in 2015/16.*

3.3. This audit originally attracted a 'Nil assurance' rating based on the previous definition. As we did not follow up on all of the original recommendations we have not amended the overall original assurance rating. However, if we were to provide an assurance opinion on the risks relating specifically to fire servicing, the outcome would increase to 'reasonable assurance'.

3.3. The follow up report is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1. There are no specific financial implications associated with noting this report.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1. None

#### **6. Diversity Implications**

6.1. None.

#### **7. Background Papers**

7.1. None.

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