
**AUDIT OF XENTRALL – PROGRESS REPORT FROM STOCKTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL’S INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION AGAINST THE AUDIT PLAN FOR 2015/16**

Purpose of Report

1. To present a progress report against the 2015/16 Xentrall Audit Plan.

Information and Analysis

2. Attached at **Appendix 1** is a copy of a report issued by the Audit and Risk Manager of Stockton Borough Council covering progress on the Xentrall Audit Plan for 2015/16.
3. A representative from Internal Audit at Stockton will attend the meeting to present the report.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the progress report be noted.

Reasons

5. The recommendation is supported to provide the Audit Committee with evidence to reflect on the Council’s governance arrangements.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

Background Papers

- (i) Xentrall Audit Plan 2015/16
- (ii) Xentrall Audit Plan 2015/16 – Progress Report issued by Stockton BC’s Internal Audit Section

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	The report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the Strategy beyond a reflection on the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.

**XENTRALL AUDIT PLAN 2015/16 – PROGRESS REPORT FROM STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION**

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Darlington Borough Council's Audit Committee with a progress report against the 2015/2016 Xentrall Audit Plan at the completion of the 2015/2016 planned audit work.

Information and Analysis

2. Stockton Borough Council's Annual Audit Plan for 2015/16 is risk based and was approved by SBC's Audit Committee in February 2015. The relevant Xentrall element of the Plan was reported to DBC's Audit Committee in March 2015.
3. The range of audit work to be carried out on the partnership was developed following consultation with the Xentrall Management Board, Audit Services at Darlington Borough Council and the External Auditors of both councils. The detailed scope of each audit assignment is agreed by Stockton Borough Council Internal Audit and Xentrall management prior to the commencement of audit work.
4. **Appendix A** identifies the previously reported audits, the completed audits in this period and those currently classed as on-going.

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APPENDIX A

2015/16 Audits previously reported

Department	Audit Assignment	Assurance Opinion	Where Assurance Opinion Less Than Substantial	
			Audit Comment	Management Response
Xentrall				
	Debtors	Substantial Assurance		
	Income	Full Assurance		
	Agresso	Full Assurance		

Audits Presented

Department	Audit Assignment	Status	Where Assurance Opinion Less Than Substantial	
			Audit Comment	Management Response
Xentrall	Payroll & Absence Recording	Substantial Assurance		
	Bank Reconciliation	Full Assurance		
	Northgate Revenues & Benefits	Full Assurance		
	Cloud Computing	Substantial Assurance		
	Server Operating Systems	Full Assurance		
	Software Controls	Substantial Assurance		
	Creditors	Substantial Assurance		

On-going

Department	Audit Assignment	Status	Where Assurance Opinion Less Than Substantial	
			Audit Comment	Management Response
Xentrall	None			

Opinion Scoring Methodology

Level	Definition
FULL ASSURANCE	A sound system of internal controls is being applied consistently, although there may be scope for these controls to be improved in some areas.
SUBSTANTIAL ASSURANCE	Overall, there is a reasonably sound system of internal controls; however, there are areas where internal controls need to be improved.
MODERATE ASSURANCE	A system of internal controls is being applied; however, there are weaknesses which may put some of the system objectives at risk.
LIMITED ASSURANCE	There is either a limited system of internal controls being applied, or there are significant weaknesses in the controls in place, which are posing a substantial risk to the achievement of system objectives.
NO ASSURANCE	The system of controls is failing and in need of urgent management attention.