Item 3

6th March 2024

Glasgow City Council

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

Report by Head of Audit and Inspection

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Internal Audit Report - Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Carbon Management Governance

Purpose of Report:

To advise members of the main findings of the Internal Audit report on Carbon Management Governance.

Note:

In most cases one of four opinions is expressed by Internal Audit in assurance reports:

- The control environment is satisfactory i.e. audit testing found no concerns with the control environment.
- A reasonable level of assurance can be placed upon the control environment i.e. audit testing found no major weaknesses in the control environment but some improvements could be made.
- A limited level of assurance can be placed upon the control environment i.e. improvements are necessary to ensure the control environment is fit for purpose.
- The control environment is unsatisfactory i.e. significant improvements are required before any reliance can be placed upon the control environment.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note the content of the report, which has been scrutinised by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 29 November 2023.

The paper is for the Committee's awareness prior to the next meeting on 10 April 2024, when Grand Challenge 3 'Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow' is scheduled to be subject to scrutiny.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 Background

1.1 Internal Audit assurance reports are normally considered by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee (FASC) in the first instance. It is also normal practice to try and avoid duplicate reporting of papers to more than one Council Committee unless necessary. However, where audit reports relate to matters of performance, they are considered for relevance to the workplan of the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee (OPDSC) given the Terms of Reference of this Committee.

1.2 On 29 November 2023, FASC noted a report on Carbon Management Governance, which had been assigned a limited overall opinion by Internal Audit. At the meeting, members of FASC scrutinised the report and the planned actions by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in detail. The report outlined some weaknesses in the governance of carbon management within NRS, including matters of performance management relating to the Council Plan priorities.

1.3 Following discussion with the Chairs of FASC and OPDSC, it was felt beneficial for OPDSC to also see the detail of the Internal Audit report prior to the scheduled scrutiny of Grand Challenge 3 'Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow' by OPDSC on 10 April 2024.

1.4 It is therefore recommended that OPDSC notes the report for awareness in order to inform their scrutiny of the NRS update on Grand Challenge 3 that will be presented to the next meeting. A copy of the Internal Audit report is provided at Appendix 1.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None
Legal:	None
Personnel:	None
Procurement:	None

Council Strategic Plan: Grand Challenge 3 'Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow':

Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region

Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	No significant impact
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No significant impact
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.	No significant impact

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	By addressing the recommendations in the Internal Audit report, management will be better able to demonstrate strong governance around the delivery of the Council's Climate priorities.
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	By addressing the recommendations in the Internal Audit report, management will be better able to demonstrate strong governance around the delivery of the Council's Climate priorities.
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	By addressing the recommendations in the Internal Audit report, management will be better able to demonstrate strong governance around the delivery of the Council's Climate priorities.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report Y/N	No significant impacts
If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out	

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