Torfaen County Borough Council Internal Audit Service Tuesday, 25 February 2020

# SHARED RESOURCE SERVICE

Summary of Internal Audit Activity

**2019 – 20 Year to date** 

# Introduction

The purpose of this report is to:

- Advise of the progress to date with the current year's Audit Plan (2019 20);
- Provide details of the audits finalised in the period; and
- Raise any matters relevant to the Finance & Governance Board role.

# Audit Plan 2019 - 20

With regard to the 2019 – 20 internal audit plan then:

S	TAGE	NUMBER	%AGE	Ref	Stage	Туре	Title	C	Quarte	er
NOT ISS	SUED	2	15.38					Р	I	С
(NID)	5020	2	15.50	SRS - 19003	COM	SYS	Enterprise Architecture Management	1	2	3
ISSUED	(ISS)	6	46.16	SRS - 19002	COM	SYS	Firewall	1	2	3
COMPLETED		5	38.46	SRS - 19001	COM	SYS	IT Disposals	1	1	1
(COM)		-		SRS - 19007	COM	FUP	Mobile Computing	4	3	3
<b>( )</b>				SRS - 19008	СОМ	FUP	Supplier Management	3	3	3
				SRS - 19010	ISS	SYS	CCTV / Control Centre	4	4	
CODE	NARRATI			SRS - 19006	ISS	FUP	Identity and Access Management	3	4	
	VE			SRS - 19011	ISS	SPL	Memorandum of Understanding <sup>1</sup>	3	3	
Р	Planned	_		SRS - 19012	ISS	FUP	Performance Management	4	4	
I	Issued			SRS - 19004	ISS	SYS	Software Asset Management	2	3	
C	Completed	_		SRS - 19013	ISS	FUP	Virtualisation	4	4	
	Completed			SRS - 19009	NID	SYS	Back Office <sup>2</sup>	3		
				SRS - 19005	NID	FUP	Cybersecurity <sup>3</sup>	3		

<sup>1</sup> Delays in original report recommendation implementation dates prevents performance of the Business Continuity audit in the current year, so this was replaced with a special audit in respect of the Memorandum of Understanding which is awaiting officer action(s).

<sup>2</sup> Delays in the preceding plan audits has meant that this audit cannot be conducted in Qtr. 4 due to year end and will be undertaken in Qtr. 1 of 2020-21.

<sup>3</sup> Rescheduled to 2020-21 due to the change in the dates of the IT Service Continuity Management audit (agreed August 2019 Finance and Governance Board) and the SIEM solution (ISLB) which impact significantly on the original actions.

# Audits Completed in the Period





ISS.1 – Requirements Assessment					
Issue:	Recommendation:	Management Response:			
The Information Security Team ISMS controls spreadsheet is blank, as such there is no evidence	A full (formal) assessment of all relevant statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements (and the	Agreed. A full (formal) assessment of all relevant statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements			
that the ISO requirement A.18.1.1 has been met. The lack of an MDM solution was added to the	current adherence situation) applicable to mobile computing should exist and be updated	(and the current adherence situation) applicable to mobile computing will be produced.			
TCBC, BGCBC and MCC risk registers on Nov 18,	periodically. ISO27001 A.18.1.1.	Mike Doverman			
2019 (not May 2019) even though all Partners' have now adopted and have or are implementing		February 29, 2020			
an MDM solution.					





Issue:	Recommendation:	Management Response:
The IS policy for supplier relationships (and	Prior to submitting the policy and questionnaire to	Agreed. The policy and questionnaire will be
associated supplier questionnaire) will be	the Jan 2020 ISLB, it should be amended to	submitted to the April 2020 ISLB after
submitted to the Jan 2020 ISLB before being made	address the element identified in the issue.	review/consideration of the information made
LIVE. Review highlighted that it does not;	The questionnaire should:	available during the audit. Changes will be made
<ul> <li>contain a distribution section, categorise suppliers (Strategic, Tactical, Operational, Commodity)</li> <li>link to other key documents that should exist (Supplier IS Agreement, Supplier IS Evaluation Process, Supplier Due Diligence Assessment Process, Cloud Computing Policy),</li> <li>contain an actual policy statement.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>in future only be issued to those suppliers who have or will have access to and be able to impact the information that exists;</li> <li>be amended to contain wording which highlights that it represents a preliminary assessment of the security controls, from which a decision as to the level of physical audit required would be made, and that any</li> </ul>	where considered necessary e.g. introduce a supplier categorisation; a clear policy statement; address ISO27001:15.2 by including paragraphs on how Supplier Service Delivery will be monitored, reviewed and audited, and how changes to service by suppliers will be managed and the process for reassessing risks; clarifying current measures related to assessment of the supply chain.
<ul> <li>The questionnaire:</li> <li>was issued to all suppliers not just those who have access to or could impact the information.</li> <li>doesn't contain wording to say that it represents a preliminary assessment of the security controls, from which a decision as to the level of physical audit required would be made, and that any deliberately false statements would be treated as a breach of contract/disqualify them from tendering services under the agreement and it doesn't</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>deliberately false statements would be treated as a breach of contract/disqualify them from tendering services under the agreement;</li> <li>also address relevant 3rd party security assessments.</li> <li>Management needs to reassess and clarify its process for meeting the supply chain element of ISO27001 A.15.1.3.</li> </ul>	Given the nature of our procurement, we will continue to issue the questionnaire to all suppliers and not just those who have or will have access to and be able to impact the information that exists. It will be amended to contain wording which highlights that it represents a preliminary assessment of the security controls, from which a decision as to the level of physical audit required would be made, and that any deliberately false statements would be treated as a breach of contract/disqualify them from tendering services

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mention or request any relevant 3rd party	under the agreement.
security assessments e.g. SAS 70, pentest.	Mike Doverman
Regarding ISO27001 A.15.1.3, review of a sample	March 31, 2020
of questionnaires showed that IS risks for ICT	
services could be captured/identified, but there is	
nothing reflecting IS risks for the supply chain and	
no supplier agreement was provided.	

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ISS.2 – Supplier Monitoring				
Issue:	Recommendation:	Management Response:		
A review/audit of supplier service delivery is to be undertaken in December 2019, by the IS Team. Neither the Contract and Supplier Security Policy or any other procedure specifically addresses the monitoring, review, and audit of supplier service delivery. Nothing states that the approach will be based on the actual information at risk and linked to the supplier classification category e.g. starting with the Strategic ones. Management stated that there is no "mechanism" in place to identify changes in the provision of services by suppliers but para 5.1 of the policy (0050), states that on the contract anniversary, the business management team has to advise whether all the questionnaire answers are true or whether there are changes and the need for an updated questionnaire.	managing changes to the provision of services by suppliers, which will take account of the criticality of business information, systems and processes involved and re-assessment of risks;	Agreed. The policy will be amended to; specify the arrangements/process for the monitoring, review and audit of supplier service delivery; clarify the process for identifying and managing changes to the provision of services by suppliers; and specify that the approach will be based on the actual information at risk and the supplier classification category. <b>Mike Doverman</b> March 31, 2020		
ISS.3 – Contracts		Priority: Medium		

Issue:	Recommendation:	Management Response:	
<ul> <li>The current contracts register spreadsheet:</li> <li>Is not sufficient as it does not contain all the fields expected;</li> <li>contains Proactis ID references that have no meaning/relevance;</li> <li>contains entries for suppliers for whom no contract exists e.g. (Caretower I.T Security Specialists, and Net-Ctrl Limited);</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Management should consider:</li> <li>revamping the current spreadsheet by adding in the necessary fields to meet the Cabinet Office requirements to produce a comprehensive and effective 'contracts register';</li> <li>updating the contracts register through knowledge of existing (and necessary) contracts in place when a partner joins.</li> </ul>	Agreed. The contracts were not added to Proactis, and alternatives explored as we were informed that the use of Proactis would cease. A meeting has been requested with the Head of Procurement to clarify the Proactis situation. The outcome will result in the current spreadsheet being improved or an alternative solution implemented to provide a contract register. <b>Annette Drew</b> March 31, 2020	
ISS.4 – Supplier Usage		Priority: Medium	
<b>Issue:</b> Basis of sample: 7 suppliers from the revised 4	<b>Recommendation:</b> Original recommendation is reiterated.	<i>Management Response:</i> Agreed. We will go through all contracts and	
year spend data Testing against the set criteria (£5k to £25k - 3 quotes from suppliers on Sell2Wales or alternative agreed in writing by the Head of Procurement, £25k to £75k - tendered/advertised on Sell2Wales unless alternative agreed with the Head of Procurement, >£75k - Tendered by the Head of Procurement) noted the following:	When a partner joins the SRS, details of the contracts in place that need to be added to the contracts register, should be identified/confirmed to prevent false reliance and the failure to adhere to set requirements.	ensure a contract is in place, in some instances we will be unable to go to another supplier as there is no alternative. Annette Drew March 31, 2020	

-	An instance, Alien Vault Inc, invoice 11 –		
	21103628, £6,670), where only 1 quote		
	existed on ServicePoint and no exemption or		
	approval of the Head of Procurement had been		
	obtained;		
•	1 instance where an order was placed with		
	Net-Ctrl Limited for £38,220.00, with only one		
	quote on ServicePoint and no contract in place;		
•	I instance where an order was placed on 01		
	Oct 2019 with Caretower I.T Security		
	Specialists for £31,278.98, although a contract		
	did not exist;		

# **Key Points to Note**

It is envisaged that the plan will be fully completed by the year end.

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