

**Date:** 14 March 2017

**Item:** Crossrail Audit Committee

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## **This paper will be considered in public**

### **1 Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report to the Committee on matters discussed at the Crossrail Audit Committee meeting held on 31 October 2016.

### **2 Recommendation**

**2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.**

### **3 Background**

3.1 The Crossrail Audit Committee held a routine meeting on 31 October 2016. The meeting was attended by the TfL Senior Audit Manager, Crossrail and the TfL Group Financial Controller. The external auditors also attended. There were no matters of concern arising from the meeting that need to be brought to the attention of this Committee. The following summarises the issues discussed.

3.2 The Committee received the regular audit and assurance update report, setting out progress with delivery of the Crossrail Internal Audit Plan and the work of other assurance providers. The report also updated the Committee on the activities of the Crossrail Integrated Assurance Group and the Fraud Risk Assurance Group. It noted that 92.5 per cent of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) in the year had been closed on time, meeting the 90 per cent target. The two CARs that had exceeded 30 days overdue had been closed.

3.3 The Committee received the regular Risk Management Report covering changes to the status of key strategic risks and the performance of the risk management process.

3.4 The Committee received the six-monthly update on calls made to Crossrail's staff whistle-blowing line.

3.5 The Committee received the bi-annual update on the ongoing contractor performance assurance programme. This showed that the number of instances of non-compliant performance by contractors had halved in the six months since the previous report, whilst the number of examples of world class performance had increased significantly. Average contractor performance against the set criteria had improved by 9 per cent.

3.6 The external auditor, EY, presented the Crossrail Audit Plan for year ending 31 March 2017, which the Committee reviewed and noted.

3.7 The Committee suggested that there would be benefit in holding an informal meeting with the new membership of the TfL Audit and Assurance Committee and this is being arranged by Secretariat.

3.8 The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 13 March 2017.

**List of appendices to this report:**

None

**List of Background Papers:**

None

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