

## SCRUTINY COMMISSION

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

To:	Rob Harbour, Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration
<b>Question</b>	<p>Please provide an update on the current position with S106, including the internal audit report commissioned last year.</p>
<b>Response from the Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration</b>	<p>“Following the transition to North Northamptonshire Council in April 2021, officers requested an early internal audit of s106 management in order to establish the completeness and robustness of the legacy data and management arrangements inherited from the predecessor authorities. The audit was completed in December 2021 and reported to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee on the 31 January 2022, at which an Action Plan was agreed to address the recommendations contained within the report. Details of the committee report can be found here (<a href="https://northnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s5128/Item%208%20-%20Appendix%20-%20Progress_report1%20draft.pdf">https://northnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s5128/Item%208%20-%20Appendix%20-%20Progress_report1%20draft.pdf</a>)</p> <p>Stacey Wylie, Senior Project Manager – Developer Contributions, has been appointed to form a centralised North Northamptonshire s106 team and lead the work identified in the Action Plan. The centralised team consists of three permanent NNC officers and as was agreed in the Action Plan, two temporary members of staff in order to provide the additional capacity necessary to undertake the work identified in the Action Plan whilst also undertaking business as usual operations. Although some delay has been experienced in sourcing suitable temporary staff within what has proved to be a challenging job market, these roles have now been filled and the staff have now commenced work with NNC.</p> <p>Updates on progress against the Action Plan are reported regularly to the Council’s Audit &amp; Governance Committee and it has been agreed that a further audit of s106 management will be undertaken by Internal Audit upon completion of the Action Plan, expected to be Quarter 3 this year. This will be designed to establish whether the work undertaken through the Plan successfully addresses the issues raised and can provide the Council with the necessary assurance the arrangements and management of s106 are effective, robust and that the legacy data is reconciled and up to date.”</p>