



Conclusion of previously reported theft of SPT property

Committee Audit and Standards

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Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To advise the committee of the recovery of funds arising from a previously reported theft and subsequent Audit & Assurance review of internal controls at East Kilbride Bus Station.

2. Background

Members have previously been advised (9 September 2016 and 11 November 2016) of a control weakness which was identified at East Kilbride Travel Centre, and which following the identification of a theft of cash resulted in three employees being disciplined, including one dismissal.

In line with SPT policies, a full investigation was conducted, and the matter referred to Police Scotland. SPT has a duty to ensure it follows the public pound, and takes such matters very seriously.

3. Current position

The purpose of this report is to advise members that, following Police Scotland involvement, and a thorough investigation by the Audit & Assurance team, one former member of staff has been convicted of theft.

In addition, all efforts have been made to recover the total sum stolen, and this has now been successfully concluded.

4. Conclusion

The removal of SPT assets and resources without authority is a significant breach of SPT operating procedures and a breach of employee trust. Every effort, despite the length of time, has been taken to recover the full sum successfully.

5. Committee action

The committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences

An investigation was undertaken in accordance with the Defalcation procedures contained within

	<i>the Counter Fraud Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The sum of monies embezzled has been recovered.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>The former employee was dismissed in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy.</i>
Social Inclusion consequences	<i>None.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>The Counter Fraud Strategy mitigates the risk of fraud and corruption.</i>

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