

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 July 2017

Lead Member / Officer: Lisa Lovegrove – Chief Internal Auditor

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Title: Internal Audit Annual Report 2016-17

1. What is the report about?

This report provides the Committee with the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2016-17 that provides the Head of Internal Audit's overall opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk and control during the year that informs the 'annual governance statement'.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the 'chief audit executive' to deliver an annual internal audit opinion and report that the organisation can use to inform its governance statement. This Committee's terms of reference require it to consider the annual report of the internal auditors.

3. What are the Recommendations?

The Committee considers and comments on the Head of Internal Audit's annual report and overall 'opinion'.

4. Report details

The Internal Audit Report 2016-17 is included as Appendix 1 and shows:

- that the Head of Internal Audit has provided 'medium assurance' on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control environment, including its arrangements for governance and risk management;
- there are no qualifications attached to the Head of Internal Audit's 'opinion';
- the level of work that Internal Audit carried out to arrive at this overall 'opinion';
- how Internal Audit complies with the PSIAS; and
- a summary of Internal Audit's performance during the year.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.

11. Power to make the Decision

Not applicable - there is no decision required with this report.