

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 6 June 2018

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Title: Internal Audit of the Joint Corporate Procurement Unit

1. What is the report about?

This report provides details of a recent Internal Audit report on the Joint Corporate Procurement Unit that received a 'Low' Assurance rating. This review was performed jointly with Flintshire County Council's Internal Audit Service.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

Corporate Governance Committee has agreed that it will receive and discuss all Internal Audit reports receiving a 'Low' Assurance rating so that they can discuss the outcome and receive assurance that improvements will be made.

3. What are the Recommendations?

The Committee comments on the report and decides whether it requires any further update reports on progress with the improvement action plan.

4. Report details

The full internal Audit report is included as Appendix 1.

The review of the Joint Corporate Procurement Service for Denbighshire County Council (host authority) and Flintshire County Council concludes that given the significant weaknesses present at the time of our review around governance arrangements and high level corporate and political buy-in, we give a 'low' assurance rating overall.

We received a positive response to our review and action is already underway to address some of the issues we raise.

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 Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report

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.