

AUDIT COMMITTEE

18th January 2017

Internal Audit Charter

Report of Internal Audit & Assurance Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the Committee's approval for a revised Internal Audit Charter

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the revised Internal Audit Charter (Appendix A) is approved.

1.0 Background

1.1 The council's current Internal Audit Charter was approved by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 22nd January 2014. In accordance with extant Internal Audit Standards¹, the Code is reviewed annually.

2.0 Report

2.1 A review of the Charter during 2016 has identified that a number of alterations are required to the document. These broadly fall into the following categories:

- Alterations required to reflect changes in the legislative environment for Internal Audit, as brought about by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015;
- Alterations reflecting changes in the staffing and structure of the Internal Audit function and managerial responsibilities of the Internal Audit & Assurance Manager; and
- Alterations aimed at developing the service and further promoting compliance with professional standards.

2.2 Any substantive changes being proposed are highlighted in the draft Internal Audit Charter attached to this report as Appendix A. Members are asked to consider the changes and approve the revised Charter.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 Management Team have been consulted in developing the draft Audit Charter.

¹ Public Sector Internal Audit Standards

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 The options available to the Committee are to:

- a) approve the draft charter, either as presented, or with suggested changes; or
- b) propose an alternative course of action.

4.2 Option a) is the preferred option as it will provide the council and its internal audit function with the basis for continued compliance with established Internal Audit standards.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 It is timely and appropriate to update the council's Internal Audit Charter; this is a key component in establishing compliance with professional standards for internal audit.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this report

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this report

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments

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