DECISION-MAKER: GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2015

DATE OF DECISION: 27 APRIL 2015

REPORT OF: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

N/A

BRIEF SUMMARY

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 a relevant body must:

'undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance'.

In accordance with proper internal audit practices (Public Sector Internal Audit Standards), the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written status report to the Governance Committee, summarising:

- progress in implementing the audit plan;
- internal audit reviews in progress;
- audit opinion on all internal audit reviews completed since the last report and executive summaries of published reports where critical weaknesses or unacceptable levels of risk were identified; and
- the status of 'live' reports, i.e. those where internal audit work is completed and actions are planned to improve the framework of governance, risk management and management control

Appendix 1 summarises the activities of internal audit for the period to March 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(i) That the Governance Committee notes the Internal Audit Progress report to the period March 2015 as attached

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

 In accordance with proper internal audit practices (Public Sector Internal Audit Standards), the Governance Committee is required to receive the Chief Internal Auditor's progress report

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The internal progress report has been approved by the Council's Management Team

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. None

Property/Other

5. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 state 'a relevant body must undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance'.

Other Legal Implications:

7. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1. Internal Audit Progress Report - March 2015

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact No Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.

Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information

Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing

document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1. None