

DECISION-MAKER: GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2015-16
DATE OF DECISION: 27 APRIL 2015
REPORT OF: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

N/A

BRIEF SUMMARY

With effect from 1 April 2013 all public sector bodies were required to adopt the Public Sector Internal Auditing Standards [the Standards]. One of the requirements of the Standards is for 'the board' to approve annually the Internal Audit Charter

The internal audit charter is a formal document that defines internal audits purpose, authority and responsibility.

The internal audit charter establishes internal audits position within the organisation, including the nature of the chief internal auditor's functional reporting relationship with the board; authorised access to records, personnel and physical properties relevant to the performance of engagements; and defines the scope of internal audit activities.

In respect of public sector organisations the internal audit charter must also:

- define the terms 'board' and 'senior management' for the purposes of internal audit activity;
- cover the arrangements for appropriate resourcing;
- define the role of internal audit in any fraud-related work; and
- include arrangements for avoiding conflicts of interest if internal audit undertakes non-audit activities.

The Internal Audit Charter 2015-16 is attached at Appendix 1

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Governance Committee approves the Internal Audit Charter 2015-16 as attached.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In accordance with proper internal audit practices (Public Sector Internal Audit Standards), the Governance Committee is required to approve annually the internal audit charter

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The internal audit charter 2015-16 has been approved by the Council's Management Team and is attached for consideration in the appendix

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 Charter 2015-16

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Equality Impact Assessment

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

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) |
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| 1. None | |