

**Meeting of the Full Council - 25 May 2017**

**Report of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on 3 April 2017**

**Chair: Former County Councillor Terry Brown**

**Risk and Opportunity Register - Quarter 4**

The Quarter 4 report of the Risk and Opportunity Register was presented to the Committee. The register was recently reported to Management Team and was presented to Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CPPI) on 7 March 2017.

**Resolved:** That the Quarter 4 Risk and Opportunity Register be noted.

**2016/17 Statement of Accounts Update**

The report on the 2016/17 Statement of Accounts was presented which outlined the early closedown timetable for 2016/17 in preparation for the earlier statutory deadline to support members of the Committee in carrying out their role.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

**Response of the Audit and Governance Committee Chair to Grant Thornton's request for information to support its compliance with International Standards on Auditing**

An overview was provided to members on the proposed response to the letter received from Grant Thornton.

**Resolved:** That;

- a) The response attached at Appendix 'B' be considered and approved.
- b) The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee be authorised to sign the response on behalf of the Committee.

**Internal Audit progress report**

The progress report circulated to the Committee was presented which highlighted key issues that the Audit and Governance Committee should be aware of in fulfilling its role of providing independent oversight of the adequacy of the County Council's governance, risk management and internal control framework.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The Internal Audit Service Progress report for the period to mid-March 2017 be considered.
- ii. An update to the Committee on the concerns raised on the payroll processing by BTLS be provided.

## **Internal Audit Planning for 2017/18**

The Internal Audit Planning report was presented which outlined the approach to establishing the plan of work to be undertaken by the County Council's Internal Audit Service for 2017/18. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee on 26 June 2017, would include a full plan of audit work.

**Resolved:** That the process by which the Internal Audit Service annual plan will be prepared for 2017/18 be considered.

## **External Audit Update Report**

An update was provided on the External Audit which included progress to date with the 2016/17 audit of the accounts, Value for Money (VfM) conclusion and other work.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

## **External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2016/17**

The Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2016/17 was presented which set out the nature and scope of work that the Authority's external auditor would carry out to discharge its statutory responsibilities, compliant with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act) and the Code of Audit Practice for Local Government.

**Resolved:** That the External Audit plan for the audit of Lancashire County Council for 2016/17, and the fees therein be agreed.

## **External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2016/17**

The Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan for 2016/17 was presented, which set out the nature and scope of work that the Authority's external auditor would carry out to discharge its statutory responsibilities, compliant with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act) and the Code of Audit Practice for Local Government.

**Resolved:** That the External Audit plan for the audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund for 2016/17, and the fees therein, be agreed.