

Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 26 June 2017

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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Internal Audit Annual Report 2016/17

(Appendices 'A' to 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

The annual report to Lancashire County Council is appended to this report. The Committee has considered periodic reports of progress throughout the year that support this overall report and the conclusion that limited assurance can be provided over the County Council's systems of internal control and governance. This report summarises the work that the Internal Audit Service has undertaken during 2016/17 and the key themes arising in relation to internal control, governance and risk management across the County Council.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to consider the Internal Audit Service's annual report for 2016/17 and the information it provides to support the County Council's annual governance statement for the year.

Background and Advice

The Internal Audit Service is an assurance function that provides an independent and objective opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the County Council's control environment. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (CIIA) require the head of internal audit to provide an opinion on the County Council's control environment and a written report to those charged with governance, timed to support the annual governance statement.

Consultations

The findings presented in this report have been discussed with the County Council's senior managers and directors, and specifically with the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:
NA

Risk management

This report supports the Audit and Governance Committee in undertaking its role, which includes providing independent oversight of the adequacy of the County Council's governance, risk management and internal control framework.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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