

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 24 May 2018**

### **Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting on 30 April 2018 Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield**

#### **Part I (Open to Press and Public)**

##### **Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Committee considered a report setting out progress and the outcomes of the work for the period to 31 March 2018.

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

##### **Internal Audit Annual Report 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report summarising the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Service during 2017/18 and the key themes which have arisen in relation to internal control, governance and risk management across the county council.

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

##### **Grant Thornton's Request for Information from the Chair of the Committee**

The Committee considered a report setting out a proposed response to the request for information from Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, for information from the Committee Chair.

**Resolved:** - That, subject to the amendments identified, approval be given to the Chair of the Committee to provide the information set out at Appendix 'B' to the report as the formal response to Grant Thornton.

##### **Grant Thornton's Request for Information from Management**

The Committee considered a report setting out a proposed response to the request for information from Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, for information from management.

**Resolved:** - That, subject to the amendments identified, approval be given to the management response set out at Appendix 'B' to the report as the formal response to Grant Thornton.

## **The Council's Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 and Code of Corporate Governance**

The Committee considered a report setting out a draft Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 and an updated Code of Corporate Governance.

**Resolved:** - That:

- (i) Subject to the amendments identified, the Annual Governance Statement as set out at Appendix 'A', be approved for publication as a draft with the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts from May 2018 and that a final draft be brought back to the Committee at its meeting on 30 July 2018;
- (ii) It be noted that the Annual Governance Statement will be signed by the Interim Chief Executive and Leader of Council, and published on the Council's website following the final approval of the Statement of Accounts;
- (iii) Subject to the amendments identified, the updated Code of Corporate Governance be recommended to Full Council for approval.

### **External Audit - Audit Progress Report and Sector Update 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report from Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, setting out progress to date with the audit of the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts and the Value for Money conclusion.

**Resolved:** - That the External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update for 2017/18, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, be noted.

### **External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report from Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, setting out the nature and scope of the work that the external auditor would carry out, in respect of Lancashire County Council, to discharge its statutory responsibilities, compliant with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice for Local Government.

**Resolved:** - That the External Audit Plan for the audit of Lancashire County Council for 2017/18, and the fees therein, as set out in the report, be approved.

### **External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report from Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, setting out the nature and scope of the work that the external auditor would carry out, in respect of Lancashire County Pension Fund, to discharge its statutory responsibilities, compliant with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice for Local Government.

**Resolved:** - That the External Audit Plan for the audit of Lancashire County Pension Fund for 2017/18, and the fees therein, as set out in the report, be approved.

### **Internal Audit Annual Plan 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the Internal Audit Plan 2018/19. The report explained the work that would be support the overall opinion for the year on the county council's framework of governance, risk management and control.

**Resolved:** - That the Internal Audit Plan 2018/19 as set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B' to the report be approved.

### **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

#### **Whistleblowing, Special Investigations and Counter Fraud Annual Report 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the work undertaken across county council services in relation to counter-fraud, investigations and whistleblowing during 2017/18.

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

#### **Update on Overpayment of Salaries**

The Committee considered a report setting out an update on the overpayment of salaries.

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