

Audit Committee

Meeting to be held on 27 June 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Internal Audit annual report to the Authority for 2010/11

(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

The annual report to the Authority is included at Appendix A to this report.

The opinion given in the report states that "I can provide substantial assurance that there is generally sound system of internal control, adequately designed to meet the council's objectives, and controls are generally being applied consistently."

However there are matters that put the achievement of the council's objectives at risk and these have been discussed with the chief executive and with individual directors and senior managers.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit annual report for 2010/11.

Background and advice

The CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the United Kingdom 2006 states that the head of internal audit's formal annual report to the organisation must:

- (a) include an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's control environment;
- (b) disclose any qualifications to that opinion, together with the reasons for the qualification;
- (c) present a summary of the audit work from which the opinion is derived, including reliance placed on work by other assurance bodies;
- (d) draw attention to any issues the head of internal audit judges particularly relevant to the preparation of the statement on internal control;
- (e) compare the work actually undertaken with the work that was planned and summarise the performance of the internal audit function against its performance measures and targets;
- (f) comment on compliance with these standards and communicate the results of the internal audit quality assurance programme.

Consultations

Not applicable.

Implications:

Not applicable

Risk Management:

Not applicable

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the United Kingdom	2006	Ruth Lowry X 34898

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:

Not appropriate.