

Report of the Audit and Governance Committee - Matters for Information

The following matters were considered by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 9 May 2016:

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

1. Internal Audit annual report

The Committee considered a report on the progress made on the audit work undertaken for the county council during 2015/16

Decision Taken: That the Internal Audit annual report to the authority for 2015/16 be noted.

2. Internal Audit Charter

The Committee considered a report on a revised Internal Audit Charter which establishes the framework within which Lancashire County Council's Internal Audit Service operates.

Decision Taken: That the revised Internal Audit Service Charter be approved.

3. Internal/External Audit Protocol

The Committee considered a report on a revised Internal/External Audit Protocol.

Decision Taken: That the internal/external protocol be noted.

4. Internal Audit Quality and Assurance Improvement Programme

The Committee considered a report on a revised Internal Audit Quality and Assurance Improvement programme.

Decision Taken: That the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme be noted.

5. External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2015/16

The Committee considered the External Audit – Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2015/16.

Decision Taken: That the fees and External Audit Plan for the audit of the County Council for 2015/16 be agreed.

6. External Audit

Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2015/16

The Committee considered the External Audit Plan for the audit of the pension fund for 2015/16.

Decision Taken: That the fees and External Audit Plan for the audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund for 2015/16 be agreed.

7. External audit - audit update

The Committee considered an update of the audit work undertaken by the Grant Thornton against the 2015/16 audit of accounts, Value for Money (VfM) conclusion and other work.

Decision Taken: That the update report be noted.

14. Annual report on counter-fraud, investigations and whistleblowing

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The committee considered a report on a summary of the work performed by the Internal Audit Service during 2015/16 to prevent, detect and investigate fraud and corruption within the County Council.

Decision Taken: That the 2015/16 counter fraud, investigations and whistleblowing report as now presented, be noted.