



Audit Committee

Report Title	Annual Internal Audit Report
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AGENDA STATUS:

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Meeting Date:	17 th May 2010
Directorate:	Finance and Support
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Councillor David Perkins
Ward(s)	N/A

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the Internal Audit Annual report.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Audit Committee reviews the 2009/10 Annual Audit Report and notes its content.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The attached annual audit report is the Internal Auditor's (PWC's) report on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's:

- Risk Management
- Control and;
- Governance Processes

Collectively, these are referred to as "the system of internal control".

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 The report highlights improvements made and also areas of weakness, that will need to be included in the Council's Annual Governance Statement.
- 3.2.2 The Annual Governance Statement will be presented to the Audit Committee in June 2010, with the statement of accounts, for approval.
- 3.2.3 As the report notes on page 5, limited assurance is given on the design, adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal control.
- 3.2.4 The report notes the considerable improvements made in a number of areas, such as budgetary control, bank reconciliations and treasury management.
- 3.2.5 Through the audits that are noted in the attached annual report, management action is being taken to address audit recommendations. These are reported on at each committee meeting.

3.3 Choices (Options)

N/A

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

N/A.

4.2 Resources and Risk

N/A.

4.3 Legal

None

4.4 Equality

N/A

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

Director of Finance and Support, Head of Finance and Assets

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

N/A

4.7 Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

5.1 Internal Audit reports.

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