

Report to: Audit Committee
Date: 25 March 2019
By: Orbis Chief Internal Auditor
Title of report: Internal Audit Strategy 2019/20 and Annual Plan
Purpose of report: To present the Council's Internal Audit Strategy 2019/20 and Annual Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to:

1) Review and endorse the Council's Internal Audit Strategy 2019/20 and Annual Plan

1. Background

1.1 The Council's Internal Audit Strategy 2019/20 and Annual Plan (Appendix 1) sets out how the Council will meet its statutory requirements for internal audit, as defined within the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Strategy proposes an approach based on focussing audit resources in those areas where the highest risk to the achievement of the Council's objectives lies. These areas have been identified and prioritised based on the Council's own risk assessment processes (including strategic and departmental risk registers) and following extensive consultation with officers, Members and other stakeholders.

1.2 A workshop was also held with members of the Audit Committee on 30 January 2019 and comments made have been fed into the planning process.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Strategy and Plan will be delivered in line with proper internal audit practices as set out within the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS).

2.2 The Internal Audit Charter sets out the scope and responsibility of internal audit. It is attached to this report as Appendix 2.

3. Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Members are recommended to review and endorse the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan, and the Internal Audit Charter, prior to its submission to Cabinet in April 2019.

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