

BUSINESS ASSURANCE – UPDATED INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

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REASON FOR ITEM

The IA charter establishes the internal audit activity's position within the organisation; authorises access to records, personnel and physical properties relevant to the performance of engagements; and defines the scope of internal audit activities.

As such, it is a key document in respect to the Council's internal control, risk management and corporate governance framework. This refresh of the IA Charter is in line with best practice, and reflects minor changes to the UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and International Internal Audit Professional Practices Framework (IPPF). The last update of the IA Charter was previously approved by the Council's Audit Committee on 15th December 2016.

The Attribute Standard 1000 Purpose, Authority and Responsibility, a mandatory standard of the PSIAS and IPPF, requires that the Council's Head of Internal Audit to periodically review the IA Charter and present it to CMT, as Senior Management (the officer body with overall responsibility for the Council's internal control, corporate governance and risk management arrangements).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit Committee approve the updated internal Audit Charter.

INFORMATION

The IA Charter sets out how IA complies with the PSIAS across the following key areas:

1. Purpose
2. Statutory Requirement & Authority
3. Status of IA within the Council
4. Objectives & Mission
5. Scope of IA
6. Responsibility
7. Reporting Lines
8. Other IA Work
9. Ethics
10. Quality Assurance

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The IA Charter - December 2016 (tracked changes between versions attached).