

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

28th SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF WELLAND INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members on progress made in delivering the 2015/16 Annual Audit Plan and key findings arising from audit assignments completed since the last Committee meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **That Members note the report and progress made by the Internal Audit team in delivery of the Audit Plan.**

3.0 UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

3.1 The progress achieved to date in delivering the 2015/16 Audit Plan is set out in Appendix A. At the time of reporting, three assignments have been finalised and fieldwork has been completed on a further assignment. Fieldwork and planning is underway on a further five assignments.

3.2 The key findings of the audit assignments completed since the last Committee meeting are provided within Appendix A. A recent audit on Health and Safety resulted in a Limited Assurance opinion and the key issues and actions taken by management are summarised within this update and a full copy of the report is available to Members.

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Chief Executive requires the Council's Management Team to review progress made on implementing agreed management actions on a regular basis. This contributes to a timely implementation of actions and since the last Committee meeting Internal Audit has confirmed that nine actions have been implemented. At the date of reporting, there are twelve actions which are overdue for implementation. Reasons have been supplied for the overdue actions and revised dates for completion have been set. Further details are provided in Appendix A.

5.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The report allows the Committee to develop independent assurance about the quality of the Council's internal control framework.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial or other resource implications arising directly from this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

7.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report

8.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

8.1 There are no community safety implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 **EQUALITIES**

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 **RISKS**

10.1 If the Consortium does not deliver the approved Audit Plan the assurance that it can provide about the Council's control framework would be compromised.

11.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

11.1 There are no climate change implications arising directly from this report.

12.0 **CONSULTATION**

12.1 N/A

13.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

13.1 All wards are indirectly affected by the report.

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Appendices : A – Internal Audit Update Report

Background Papers: N/A

Reference : N/A