

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**28th SEPTEMBER 2015****REPORT OF HEAD OF WELLAND INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM****COMMITTEE TRAINING****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To provide Members with updated training options, and to obtain approval for a programme of training.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To approve the proposed Member training programme for delivery by the Welland Internal Audit Consortium.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 LGSS Internal Audit commenced management of the Welland Internal Audit Consortium in August 2014. LGSS completed a review of audit committee training provision across the Welland Authorities which included a comparison with audit committee training arrangements adopted by other authorities.

3.2 At the Governance Committee meeting in June 2015 it was agreed that the Head of Internal Audit would present a proposed schedule of training for the Committee incorporating feedback received during the June meeting regarding preferred timings and topic areas.

4.0 TRAINING SCHEDULE

4.1 The schedule is based upon delivery of five areas of training which can be provided in one hour sessions prior to the start of Governance Committee meetings. Full details are set out at Appendix A and the proposed topics are:

- An Introduction to Internal Audit
- Audit Planning
- Assurance and Independent Assurance
- Audit Committee Effectiveness and the Responsibilities of an Audit Committee
- Corporate Governance

4.2 The timing of the sessions has been proposed to align with key stages in the year for Internal Audit delivery, such as training on Audit Planning in line with the timing for drafting of the Audit Plan in February 2016.

5.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no policy implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial or other resource implications arising directly from this report. Training would be delivered within the days commissioned by the Council from the Audit Consortium.

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 Members discharging the role of the Council's Governance Committee do not demonstrate that they are engaged in effective oversight of the Internal Audit function and proper consideration of the evidence produced by Internal Audit about risk management and the effectiveness of controls, the Council's governance arrangements may 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 – Training Plan

Background Papers: N/A

Reference : N/A