

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013****REPORT OF HEAD OF WELLAND INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM****INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Members on the work being undertaken by the Consortium to deliver the Council's internal audit service and to support the development of the Committee's capacity to discharge the new responsibilities set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That Members note the report and raise any issues that they judge appropriate about performance; about the adequacy of information provided; or about additional or enhanced information requirements.**

**3.0 UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE**

- 3.1 Details of the Consortium's performance in delivering the 2013/14 Audit Plan is set out in Appendix A.

**4.0 SUPPORTING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- 4.1 The Standards require that, acting as the Council's "Audit Committee, Members develop the capacity for independent challenge of the performance of the Internal Audit Team; to determine the range and level of assurance that the Council requires; and to manage the assurance delivered by Internal Audit. To support the development of that capacity, the Consortium is working to deliver an agreed programme of training – and to facilitate joint learning with the other Welland clients. It is intended that further support should be provided through the delivery of the information that the Committee requires for effective scrutiny and challenge. Appendix A currently contains a range of information about both the Consortium's performance and the quality of the Council's control arrangements. The information is presented using a template employed for reporting to all of the Consortium's client Audit Committees: this would facilitate benchmarking were Members to judge this to be worthwhile.

**5.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The audit work delivered by the Consortium allows the Committee to satisfy itself about the quality of the Council's arrangements to manage its risks. The developing capacity of the Committee to scrutinise and challenge the work of the Consortium represents a strengthening of the Council's governance arrangements.

**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 Members, discharging the role of the Council's Audit 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. Arrangements are in place to mitigate this risk by delivering training support and appropriate performance and risk management information to the Committee.

Probability



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D		1		
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

Impact →

Risk No.	Description
1	Failure to demonstrate effective engagement and oversight

## 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 : 1

Background Papers: N/A  
References: N/A