

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

2 APRIL 2014

REPORT OF HEAD OF WELLAND INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the performance of the Consortium and on the delivery of the 2013/14 Audit Plan.
- 1.2 To update Members of the delivery of the Improvement Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note the report.

3.0 UPDATE ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

- 3.1 Details of assignments delivered; days delivered against Plan and the developing map of assurance are shown in Appendix A. In brief, at the date of reporting (14th March) the Consortium was on track to substantially complete the 2013/14 Plan by 31st March. The Head of Consortium will provide an oral update on progress at the meeting.

4.0 DELIVERY OF THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- 4.1 The Improvement Plan endorsed by the Welland Internal Audit Board has also been substantially completed. The only significant remaining action is the commissioning of modifications to the Consortium's audit management software so that report templates reflect the new reporting style. It is intended to commission that work as early as possible in 2014/15 – when Rutland County Council's ICT Team can support the changes.
- 4.2 In addition the Assistant Director (Finance) is undertaking some quality assurance on internal audit work to check the consistency of work being performed to ensure it is line with the new protocols and procedures. The outcome will be reported to the Board and will assist in providing assurance that the action plan is having the desired outcome in terms of improvements to the quality of audits delivered across the team and sites.

5.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Delivery of the Improvement Plan and the substantial completion of the 2013/14 will allow for the delivery of a higher quality service in 2014/15 and future years.

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. Failure to demonstrate engagement may also result in adverse reporting from the Council's External Auditor.

Probability						
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Very High A					Risk No.	Description
High B					1	Failure to demonstrate effective engagement and oversight
Significant C					2	Failure to deliver the 2013/14 plan impacts on work delivered in 2013/14
Low D		1,2,3			3	The improvement plan does not lead to the necessary improvements in the quality of the audit work delivered.
Very Low E						
Almost Impossible F						
	IV Negligible	III Marginal	II Critical	I Catastrophic		
	→ Impact					

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

Reference: N/A

