

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee held a meeting on 7 November 2019 and considered the following items of business.

1. Confidential Reporting Code

- 1.1 The Committee considered a report from the Head of Corporate Governance following a review of the Confidential Reporting Code and requested further work on improving the code is carried out.
- 1.2 The Committee recommended that the corporate management team consider appointing an external organisation to conduct an anonymous staff survey on a range of issues.

2. Update on Audit Services team resource

- 2.1 The Committee noted that a growth bid for the Internal Audit team had been submitted as part of the budget process for 2020/21 and recorded their support of this proposal.

3. Corporate Risk Management

- 3.1 The Committee noted the contents of the Corporate Risk Register and recommended it to Cabinet for approval.
- 3.2 The Committee supported proposals to reformat the Corporate Risk Register to provide a greater focus on corporate objectives and the risks associated with those.

4. Internal Audit Services half-yearly report 2019/20

- 4.1 The Committee noted the report which summarised the work undertaken by internal audit in the period April to early October 2019.

5. Annual Report on the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit

- 5.1 The Committee noted the report on the effectiveness of the system of internal audit for 2018/19.

6. External Auditors update

- 6.1 The Committee noted the update provided and agreed to escalate concerns if KPMG, the previous external auditors have not completed their value for money opinion by the end of 2019.

Councillor J.R. Sexton

Chairman of the Audit Committee

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