

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee held a meeting on 23 March 2017 and considered the following items of business.

1. Annual Audit Letter 2015-16

- 1.1 The Committee noted a report on the Annual Audit Letter 2015-16 from the Council's external auditor KPMG.

2. Corporate Risk Management

- 2.1 The Committee noted and accepted the update on the Corporate Risk Register and recommended it to Cabinet as an accurate reflection of the current corporate risks affecting the Council.

3. Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing Code)

- 3.1 The Internal Audit Manager submitted the Confidential Reporting Code (Whistleblowing Policy), which formed part of the Council's Constitution, for review. The Code sets out how to raise serious concerns about any aspect of the Council's work, who to raise them with and how they should be dealt with.
- 3.2 The Committee noted and accepted the changes to the Confidential Reporting Code (Whistleblowing Policy).

4. Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy

- 4.1 The Committee noted and accepted the changes to the Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy.

5. Annual Audit Plan

- 5.1 The Internal Audit Manager outlined the Annual Internal Audit Plan 2017-2018 which demonstrated how the authority would fulfil its statutory requirement to 'maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with proper internal audit practices.'
- 5.2 The Committee noted the Internal Audit Plan 2017-18.

6. Committee Work Programme

- 6.1 The Committee Work Programme for 2017-18 had not been included with the agenda and will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Committee noted the completion of its Work Programme for the 2016-17 Municipal year.

Councillor M.J. Madams

Chairman of the Audit Committee

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