

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2014/2015

Report of the Head of Assurance, Procurement and Projects

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Each year the Audit and Governance Committee is consulted at an early stage on the development of the Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance Plans for the forthcoming year to give members the opportunity to raise any issues which they feel should be considered.
- 1.2 The internal audit plan and the allocation of resources within the Risk and Assurance team will continue to be flexible given the increased level of changes that are occurring across the Council. Based on knowledge of the work of the Council currently, there are a number of areas that are expected to be a priority for 2014/2015. These are as follows:
 - Significant support and guidance will be required to help the Council manage risks in developing alternative service delivery models, including new commercial models.
 - On-going support and audit work in relation to new service delivery models following their implementation and their relationship with the Council.
 - Review of the provision of services to Local Authority Controlled Companies and associated bodies.
 - Contract management across the Council to ensure that suppliers/contractors are performing as intended.
 - Proposed arrangements for the provision of ICT.
 - Arrangements arising from the creation of the Combined Authority
 - Safeguarding information governance arrangements.
 - Continuing support to the review of pay and grading and the downsizing of the workforce.
 - LEP Accountable Body arrangements.
 - People Services commissioning arrangements.
 - Delivery of the capital programme.
 - Adult social care services.
 - Migration of services to the Customer Services Network.
 - Family Focus and the development of the Strengthening Families agenda.
 - Governance Arrangements at the Port.
 - Projects to support economic development.

1.3 A discussion will be held at the Committee to seek its input for the Corporate Assurance Map, and the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for 2014/2015.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the areas mentioned above and any additional areas which should be considered.