

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

14 December 2012

CORPORATE ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2013/2014

Report of the Head of Corporate Assurance and Procurement

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Previously the Audit and Governance Committee has been consulted at an early stage on the development of the Internal Audit Plan 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 will need to be more flexible than in previous years given the increased level of changes that will occur 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 2013/14. These are as follows:
- Significant support and guidance will be required to help the Council manage risks in developing new service delivery models, including new commercial models.
 - Ongoing support and audit work in relation to new service delivery models following their implementation and their relationship with the Council.
 - Contract management during the construction phase of the New Wear Crossing (SSTC).
 - ICT Cloud development and deployment / trading.
 - Operation of the Corporate Computing Model.
 - Developments in relation to the personalisation agenda.
 - Support plans to address the Council's budget pressures.
 - Establishment of the Local Asset Backed Vehicle.
 - New Public Health responsibilities.
 - Family Focus and the development of the Strengthening Families agenda.
 - Operation of the local schemes for Council Tax Support and Business Rates.
 - Migration of services to the Customer Service Network.
 - 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 2013/14.

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.