

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

20th January 2012

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN – CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

Report of the Head of Audit, Risk 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. Given the previous presentation regarding the future proposed arrangements for providing assurance, Members are asked to consider raising issues for consideration in developing the Internal Audit Plan for 2012/13.
- 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 the operational plan for 2012/2013. 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.
 - Arrangements to progress the New Wear Crossing (SSTC)
 - Support development of the council's responses to changes in Welfare Benefits.
 - Development of a new Council Tax Benefit scheme.
 - Implementation of the Council's Economic Master Plan (through the Sunderland Single Investment Delivery Team).
 - Adults Safeguarding – new delivery model.
 - Customer relationship management arrangements (New IT system).
 - Operation of SWITCH.
 - New Public Health responsibilities.
 - Developments in relation to the operation and delivery of ICT services.
 - Corporate Contract Management Framework.
- 1.3 A discussion will be held at the Committee to seek its input.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the areas for potential inclusion in next year's internal audit plan. Members are also invited to discuss any additional areas which should be considered.