

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2016/2017

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 plans of work for the Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance teams for the forthcoming year to give members the opportunity to raise any issues which they feel should be considered.
- 1.2 The allocation of resources will continue to be flexible given the 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 2016/2017. 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, including the Leisure Joint Venture.
 - Arrangements for managing the delivery of the Transformation Programme and budget reductions.
 - Proposed arrangements for the provision of ICT.
 - Children's Safeguarding arrangements.
 - Workforce Transformation Project (proposed new pay and grading model)
 - Economic Development, including the construction phase of the New Wear Crossing, SSTC Phase 3 and work on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.
 - Children's Safeguarding
 - Adult social care, including the Better Care Fund, integration with health and budget reductions.
 - Commissioning and contract management
 - Key corporate functions/systems, particularly where significant changes / budget reductions are planned or have occurred.
- 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 2016/17.

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.