

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2015/2016

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 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 2015/2016. 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 LABV and Leisure Joint Venture.
 - Arrangements for managing the delivery of the Transformation Programme and efficiency savings.
 - Proposed arrangements for the provision of ICT.
 - Children's Safeguarding arrangements.
 - Development of Sunderland Care and Support Ltd.
 - Implementation of the pay and grading review.
 - Economic Development, including the relationship with the, New Wear Crossing, SSTC Phase 3, International Advanced Manufacturing Park.
 - Adult social care, including the Care Act, Children's and Families Act, the Better Care Fund and integration with health.
 - Commissioning and contract management
 - Key systems and arrangements across the Council.
- 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 2015/2016.

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.