

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**28 JUNE 2013**

**REVIEW OF THE INTEGRATED ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK**

**Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the results of the review of the Integrated Assurance Framework undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC).

**2. Background**

- 2.1 One of the reasons for appointing PWC as a partner was to provide support in developing the Integrated Assurance Framework (IAF) which was introduced in April 2012. The first piece of work requested from PWC was a review of the progress so far and suggested actions to improve the arrangements, the results of which are included in the attached report.
- 2.2 The review was undertaken in the context of recognising that the IAF is a new and innovative development in its formative stages during 2012/13.

**3. Results of the Review**

- 3.1 The review concluded that good progress has been made so far in implementing the Framework and that the Council is one of the early adopters of this approach in local authorities. The review confirmed that there was a good understanding of how the Framework operates.
- 3.2 The review also identified areas that could be improved further which are set out in the report.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

