

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2017

Title:

ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

[Wards Affected: ALL]

Summary and purpose:

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Part 2 s3) require local authorities to have a sound system of internal control. Internal Audit is part of this system of internal control whereas (Part 2 s5) of the regulations state an authority must undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes.

This report is a summary of the work carried out by Internal Audit during the financial year 2016-17 and also provides an assurance opinion to support the Annual Governance Statement on the organisations control environment which will also be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 24 July 2017.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The maintenance of an effective internal control environment supports all corporate priorities.

Financial Implications:

Maintenance of an effective internal audit service to Waverley Borough Council that embraces the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice, the Public Sector Auditing Standards and other professional internal audit institutes such as the IIA.

Legal Implications:

This report fulfils a legal requirement "to report the annual activity of the Audit Service" as contained in the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

1. Introduction

To enable the Committee to consider the report in conjunction with the Annual Governance Statement for consideration at this meeting on the 24th July 2017.

As set out in Public Sector Internal Audit Standard (PSIAS) 2450, the Chief Audit Executive (Internal Audit Client Manager) must provide an annual report to the board (Audit Committee) timed to support the Annual Governance Statement. This report and opinion should be considered as part of the evidence supporting the Annual Governance Statement.

Attached in Annexe 1 is the Internal Audit Annual Report covering the activity for 2016/17, complete with the annual performance measures.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee notes the contents and comments on the report.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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