

Regulatory and Audit Committee

Title: Annual Report of Chief Auditor

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Summary

This report sets out the Chief Auditors opinion on the Council's system of internal control, based on the internal audits undertaken, and other available assurance mechanisms.

The Chief Auditors conclusion on whether the Council's overall system of internal control facilitates the effective exercise of the Council's functions and provides a reasonable assurance regarding the effective, efficient and economic exercise of the Council's functions has been to be unqualified for 2016/17. This is a positive direction of travel following the qualified opinion in 2015/16.

The report summarises the conclusions from all the internal audits completed, including the nine audits that have concluded only "limited" assurance.

Recommendation

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

None

Legal implications

None

Other implications/issues

None

Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views (if relevant)

Not relevant

Background Papers

16/17 Business Assurance Strategy

16/17 Business Assurance Strategy Updates
