

## **BUSINESS ASSURANCE MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-8**

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### **PROPOSED DECISION**

That the Business Assurance Managers Annual report for the period 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 be noted.

#### **Corporate Implications**

1. The Business Assurance Manager is required to provide a written annual report to those charged with governance, timed to support the Annual Governance statement. This yearly report is used as part of the annual process.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The purpose of this report is to present the Business Assurance Manager's report (Appendix A) for the year 2017-18.
3. Based on the work that has been undertaken by Internal Audit in 2017/18, this report provides the Business Assurance Manager's opinion on the effectiveness of the system of internal control at the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
4. Strategic Management Board and the Senior Management Team is collectively accountable for maintaining a sound system of internal control and is responsible for putting in place arrangements for gaining assurance about the effectiveness of that overall system.
5. In accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIA), the Business Assurance Manager is required to provide an annual opinion, based upon and limited to the work performed, on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Councils risk management, control and governance processes. This is achieved through a risk based plan of work, agreed with Management and approved by the Audit Committee and should provide a reasonable level of assurance, subject to the limitations detailed below.
6. The opinion does not imply that Internal Audit have reviewed all risks and assurances relating to the Council.