

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

22 SEPTEMBER 2011

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2010/11 - UPDATE

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the current position regarding “significant and other governance issues” raised in the Authority’s Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2010/11 and provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to raise any issues they consider appropriate.

This update has been provided slightly earlier than usual at the request of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee reviews the attached update on the “significant and other governance issues” from the 2010/11 Annual Governance Statement and raises any issues deemed appropriate for further consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Authority is required to produce a public Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2009 (as amended). The AGS must be published with the Authority’s Annual Statement of Accounts. The AGS is a document which sets out the arrangements within the Authority for ensuring there is a sound and robust governance framework that the system is regularly reviewed. It is expected that any instances of significant shortfalls in such governance issues are referred to within the AGS. The Accounts and Audit Regulations also require that the AGS should be considered by a Committee of the Council for statutory purposes the Audit & Governance Committee is deemed the relevant Committee for this purpose

This report advises the Committee of the current position regarding the significant and other governance issues, to give the appropriate level of assurance on progress in dealing with these, and seeks the views of the Committee on any issues this may raise for further consideration in relation to the Council’s control environment and governance arrangements.

Progress on the significant governance issue (IAR AGS1 1011) has been made in line with expected progress. Appendix A details all the issues raised through the Annual Governance Statement process and the progress to date is noted against each action.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

None

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A – AGS update September 2011