

**REPORT TO: AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 23RD
JUNE 2010**

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT - 2009/10

BY: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a summary overview of the work of Internal Audit during 2009/10 and seek approval of the Internal Audit Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2010.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's administrative scheme paragraph I (1) – considering reports from the Council's Internal Auditor.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That Committee notes the contents of the annual report given as Appendix 1 to this report and seeks clarification of any matters relating thereto.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government recommends that the Head of Internal Audit should provide a formal annual report to the organisation. A copy of the report is attached covering the year to 31 March 2010.
- 3.2 It is proposed that members note the contents of the annual report, which provides a commentary on audit activity during the year and an opinion on the Council's control environment.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement / Service Improvement Plan.

Internal Audit assists the organisation to secure the control environment and provision of this annual report support the Council's commitment to effective and accountable governance arrangements.

(b) Policy and Legal

No implications.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

No implications.

(d) Consultations

There have been no consultations in respect of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Internal Audit annual report provides a summary overview of the nature and extent of audit work carried out during the year and how that work has assists the organisation to secure the internal control environment.

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