

INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS 2016/2017

With the exception of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Balances second follow up review, there are no further finalised audit reports to be presented to the 22nd November 2016 Audit and Standards Committee. However, there are a number of audit reviews which are currently at draft report stage. The outcomes of these reviews and any additional activity finalised, will be reported to Audit and Standards Committee on the 7th February 2017.

ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY STATEMENT AND STRATEGY

Effective governance requires the Council to promote values for the authority and demonstrate the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour. To enable this, the Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally 2016–2019 Strategy has been developed by local authorities and counter fraud experts and supported by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Counter Fraud Centre. It is the definitive guide for council leaders, chief executives, finance directors and all those with governance responsibilities. The strategy includes practical steps for fighting fraud, shares best practice and brings clarity to the changing anti-fraud and corruption landscape.

The Council's Chief Internal Auditor is currently undertaking a self-assessment against the new guidance to measure the Council's counter fraud and corruption culture and response and propose enhancements as required. Further updates and outcomes will be provided to the Committee during 2016/2017, whether by committee information sheets, or reports as appropriate.

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