

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

BRIEFING - ROLE OF AUDIT COMMITTEES

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members on the presentation of the Role of Audit Committees by the Head of Internal Audit.

Information and Advice

2. The Chair of the Audit Committee has requested a brief presentation on the role of audit committees. The presentation will provide the opportunity for Audit Committee members to explore their individual roles and consider whether further information or training would be beneficial.

Other Options Considered

3. The option of bringing in an independent speaker was considered. The Authority would have been charged for this.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To provide information to Members on the role of audit committees.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Head of Internal Audit provide a presentation on the role of audit committees and members consider whether they would like further information in this respect.

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Constitutional Comments

6. The report is to provide information.

Financial Comments (JMB 11/3/15)

7. There are no costs arising from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police (CIPFA)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All