

**Cherwell District Council**  
**Accounts Audit and Risk Committee**

**24 June 2015**

<b>Internal Audit – Annual Report 2014-15</b>
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**Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement**

This report is public

**Purpose of report**

To receive the PwC Internal Audit Annual Report.

**1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Consider and note the contents of the Annual Report.

**2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 This report includes the Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of Cherwell District Council framework of governance, risk management and control.

**3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 The Chief Internal Auditor submits the Internal Audit Annual Report 2014-15 for the Committee's consideration. In accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), the Head of Internal Audit is required to provide an annual opinion, based upon and limited to the work performed, on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control.
- 3.2 This report demonstrates that the Council has a strong system of internal control. There were no critical or high risk recommendations and all findings were medium or low risk rated. This is a positive direction of travel compared to the previous year.

**4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The progress report summarises internal audit's work for 2014-15.

## 5.0 Consultation

None

## 6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not applicable as this report is for information. However, members may wish to request further information from the Chief Internal Auditor.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.  
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### Legal Implications

7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.  
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### Risk Management Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.  
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## 8.0 Decision Information

**Wards Affected** All wards are affected

**Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework** All corporate plan themes.

**Lead Councillor** None

### Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	PwC Annual Report 2014-15
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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