Internal Audit Covering Letter

Cherwell District Council

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Update to the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee on Internal Audit activity



Introduction

We are committed to keeping the Audit Committee up to date with internal audit progress and activity throughout the year. This summary has been prepared to update you on our activity since the last meeting of the committee and to bring to your attention matters that are relevant to your responsibilities as members of the committee.

There have been no substantial changes since our last report to the Committee in December that we need to bring to your attention. We have started our housing benefits review on 6 January and have payroll and risk management reviews due to start 20 January. We continue to work with management in agreeing scope of reviews and plan to have final reports prepared over the coming month in relation to the reviews completed before the New Year. We have draft scopes to agree for the environmental services and grant reviews planned for February and remain on track for these reviews.

As agreed at the December Committee we have prepared our initial high level assessment against the new PSIAS for indication of initial expected compliance. Please refer to separate paper for full details.

We will bring a full update to the March Committee.

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