

Cherwell District Council

Accounts Audit and Risk Committee

25 June 2014

Internal Audit – Annual Report 2013-14

Report of Interim 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:

- 1.1 To 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 2013-14 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 2013-14.

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

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All corporate plan themes.

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	PwC Annual Report 2013-14
Background Papers	
None	
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