Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

25 July 2018

Internal Audit Update 2018/19

Report of the Executive Director, Finance & Governance

This report is public

Purpose of report

To receive CW Audit Services update report for 2018/19.

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The meeting is recommended to note the contents of the 2018/19 internal audit update report from CW Audit Services.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Internal Audit undertakes a programme of work each year which is produced in consultation with senior management. The plan will be monitored for progress during the year and regular reports and updates will be provided to the Committee.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The plan covers the work of both Councils and has been prepared using a risk based approach taking into consideration a number of areas:
 - Leadership Risk Register for both Councils
 - Review of Business Plans
 - Assessment of risks arising from 2017/18 work
 - Assessment of external audit reports to relevant committees
 - Discussions with Chief Executive and Directors
- 3.2 This update report sets out the progress being made during 2018/19 against the plans and demonstrates the improvements being made. The plan will continue to be reviewed and updated where required following consultation with relevant officers and members.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The Annual plan sets out the work programme for Internal Audit 2018/19 and provides the framework for assessing the internal control framework in place. This work programme will assist the Committee is gaining further assurance on the Councils internal controls.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 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: Members may choose to seek additional information from CW audit services and officers.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Legal Implications

7.2 Comments will be provided together with the update report for 2018/19.

Risk Management Implications

7.3 There are no risk management implications arising from 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	CW Audit Services Update Report 2018/19
Background Papers	
None	
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