

Audit Committee

This report summarises the items considered by the Audit Committee on 25th March 2015

External Audit Plan for 2015/16

Members were introduced to Mrs Elizabeth Cave, new engagement lead for the audit. She introduced the Audit Plan 2015/16 and made particular reference to the following points:

- Financial pressures, responses and challenges going forward ensuring planning arrangements for future risks regarding the financing changes;
- Diagram showing the Grant Thornton Audit Approach;
- Significant and other risks identified;
- Key dates , Year-end fieldwork to start 3rd August 2015

Members were content to note the Audit Plan.

RESOLVED: That members noted the Audit Plan for 2015/16.

Internal Audit Charter Annual Review

The Audit Manager, SWAP confirmed that the Internal Audit Charter remained exactly the same as approved by Committee in February last year.

Audit Committee members were content to agree to the Charter in advance of the forthcoming financial year.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Charter be agreed.

2015/16 SWAP Internal Audit Plan (Agenda Item 8)

The Audit Manager, SWAP, presented the report as detailed in the agenda. He made reference to the Key Control Audits and the necessary liaison with the Assistant Director (Finance & Corporate Services) and Lead officers to ensure effective audit management. Members were happy to agree the Internal Audit Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Audit Committee agreed the Internal Audit Plan of 369 days for April 2015 to March 2016.

Health, Safety and Welfare - Annual Report (Agenda Item 9)

The Civil Contingencies Manager presented the agenda report and updated members on the major incident regarding an SSDC Building Control Officer. She told members that she had recently been informed by the Health & Safety Executive that they were to take no further action regarding this incident as they were satisfied with the case.

The Civil Contingencies Manager also told members that new CDM regulations will come into force shortly and this would positively address issues regarding site safety and in particular the responsibilities of domestic projects and site risk assessment.

She also made reference to relevant case law as set out in the agenda and in response to members queries informed them:

- Would seek further information from the H & S Executive regarding the Building Control incident. Once more information was known she would update members once more.
- Pleased to report the number of incidents reported was lower than that of last year.

Members were content to note the report.

RESOLVED: That members noted and commented on the report.

Risk Management Update (Confidential Item) (Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED: That the Audit Committee:-

1. noted the change to the risk appetite as agreed with Management Board.
 2. noted the new risk management report "Monitoring dashboard" and comments made accordingly.
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Councillor Derek Yeomans,
Chairman of Audit Committee