

Update on progress of Internal Audit's review of the Payroll system

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 26th January 2009

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Wards Affected: None

Purpose

Members requested that they be updated with the progress made regarding the Internal Audit of the Payroll system.

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

1 Reasons

- 1.1 The Council's Audit Committee has a strategic role to ensure that the Council's assurance framework is operating effectively. To this end it should seek assurance that key areas that contribute to this framework are operating properly.
- 1.2 Members requested that a verbal update be given to the next meeting of the Committee on progress made with the Internal Audit review of Payroll.

2 Detail

- 2.1 The Head of Internal Audit will give a verbal update on the progress made in completing the review of the Payroll system.

Alternative Options

Not Applicable

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Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report however the detailed audit report will address the suitability of internal controls within the systems examined.

Legal/Human Rights Implications

Internal Audit is a statutory requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006. The Internal Audit service also provides assurance to the Director of Finance regarding the requirements of Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

Internal Control, Audit Committee and the Annual Governance Statement all feature significantly in the CAA Use of Resources Assessment. Effective systems of internal control within the Council will help to ensure that the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan and Swindon 2010 are achieved.

Consultees

The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.

Appendices / Background papers

None

Key Decision/Decision in Forward Plan

Not Applicable