

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 30 JULY 2019

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2018/19

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DATE: July 2019

EXTN: 37561

PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Internal Audit discharges its duties through the completion of an agreed audit plan designed to provide independent assurance that the Council's business risks are being managed to an appropriate level

This report summarises the activities of the Council's Internal Audit service for 2018/19

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to note the Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2018/19 report and to endorse the work carried out by Internal Audit in 2018/19

1. BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to summarise the work carried out by Internal Audit during the year ended 31st March 2019. The work of Internal Audit and the resultant overall opinion on the Council's control environment, which is derived from the work performed, provides those charged with governance a source of assurance that is necessary to support the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which accompanies the Annual Accounts.

The Internal Audit Manager is required to provide an 'independent' opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the systems of internal control operating within the Council. This will provide the signatories to the AGS (the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council) with a degree of assurance on this matter. In reaching the opinion, consideration has been given to the Council's governance arrangements and to the internal control environment in the light of the work of Internal Audit carried out through the year.

Consideration has also been given to the findings of the Council's external auditors (Ernst & Young LLP), who gave an unqualified opinion to the Council's Annual Accounts for 2017/18 which were approved by the Audit & Governance Committee in July 2018.

2. PROPOSAL(S):		
It is proposed that the Committee notes the Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2018/19 report and endorses the work carried out by Internal Audit in 2018/19		
3. OPTIONS:		
To note the Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2018/19 report and endorse the work carried out by Internal Audit in 2018/198, or not		
4. CONSULTATION:		
No specific consultation has been undertaken in respect of this report		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		✓
Legal		✓
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓
6. IMPLICATIONS:		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:
The Committee notes the Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2018/19 report and endorses the work carried out by Internal Audit in 2018/19

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:
N/A