### **INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2014/15**

#### To: Corporate Governance & Finance Committee

Date: 20th July 2015

#### From: Trevor Bowd, Principal Auditor

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#### 1.0 <u>ISSUE</u>

1.1 To report on the work of Internal Audit for the financial year 2014/15.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion attached as Appendix 1.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 To conform with best practice and the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, the Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion informs those charged with governance of the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment. This opinion also feeds into the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

#### 4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The attached report (Appendix 1) demonstrates how the work of Internal Audit is planned, recorded and controlled in a way that allows our external auditors to determine the extent and quality of audit coverage during the year, and therefore enable them to place reliance on Internal Audit's work as part of the annual audit process.

#### 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

## 6.0 <u>APPENDICES</u>

# 6.1 Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Annual Report

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Individual Audit Reports.