REPORT TO: AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: 11

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REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND

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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2014-15 REF:

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AFFECTED: ALL REFERENCE: AS 02

## 1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2014-15 is considered and approved for implementation, subject to any changes agreed by the Committee.

## 2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider the proposed Audit Plan for 2014/15. This is in accordance with the Code of Practice for Internal Audit which governs local authorities.

### 3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Plan has been drawn up by the Audit Manager, in consultation with the Director of Finance. The attached Plan details where audit are proposing to allocate their resources over the coming financial year 2014-15.
- 3.2 This includes an assessment of the Council's risk areas which helps to inform how audit will allocate resources. The allocation is also based to a certain degree on regulatory requirements to review key financial systems each year.
- 3.3 The Plan also details the audit approach and coverage that the Council can expect from the Internal Audit Service. The Committee is requested to consider priorities and the proposed allocation of resources for 2014/15.

## 4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Plan will be delivered within the budget allocated for Internal Audit.

### 5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Just less than 60% of the proposed plan relates to corporate activities in order that the key financial, IT, HR, procurement and governance systems, etc. that underpin service delivery are covered. These areas are subject to audit each year, although the focus of each annual review may be different.
- 5.2 Direct service areas are covered on a cyclical basis to ensure that all activities are subject to some degree of audit over a 5-year period. Although some areas will have an inherent higher risk rating, they may not be audited each and every year unless special circumstances exist.
- 5.3 It is proposed to undertake detailed audits in the following service areas during 2014/15, which have received minimal coverage in recent years.
  - Council House Sales
  - Electoral Services (focusing on new requirements for Individual Registration)
  - Bereavement Services
  - Community Safety Partnership
  - Economic Development
  - Development Control and Section 106
  - Fleet Management
  - Environmental Health
- 5.4 Contingencies are also included for special investigations and to provide advice on emerging issues that may arise during the year.

# 6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None directly.

# 7.0 **Background Papers**

7.1 None