

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Friday, 27th June, 2014

Present:-

Councillor Mark Rayner (in the Chair)

Councillors Diouf
Elliott
McManus

Councillor C Brown (Brimington Parish Council)

*Matters dealt with under Executive Powers

1 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Avis Murphy.

3 **MINUTES - 4TH APRIL 2014**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the Standards and Audit Committee meeting held on 4th April, 2014 be approved as a true record.

4 **REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report to review compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance, and the Annual Governance Statement.

The report gave details of:

- The Annual Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2013/14;

- The review of the key elements of the systems and processes that comprise the Council's governance;
- The review of assurances supporting the Annual Governance Statement;
- The Action Plan arising from the assessment;
- The Annual Governance Statement for the Council, to accompany the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2013/14.

***RESOLVED -**

- (1) That the documents listed above be noted.
- (2) That the Annual Governance Statement and Action Plan be approved.
- (3) That it be recommended that the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Leader and Chief Executive.
- (4) That a review of the Code of Corporate Governance be undertaken in 12 months time.
- (5) That progress on the Action Plan be monitored by the Corporate Management Team.

5 SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED

The Interim Head of Internal Consortium submitted a report summarising the Internal Audit reports issued for the period 13th March, 2014 to 6th June, 2014 in respect of reports issued relating to the 2013/14 and 2014/15 internal audit plans.

***RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

6 INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

The Interim Head of the Internal Audit Consortium presented the annual report of the Internal Audit Consortium in respect of Chesterfield Borough Council for 2013/14.

The report covered:

- summary of work undertaken
- opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment
- issues for inclusion in the Annual Governance statement
- comparison of planned work to actual work undertaken
- compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit standards and other quality assurance results
- review of performance of the Internal Audit Consortium against the current Internal Audit Charter.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Internal Audit Consortium Annual Report be noted.

7 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

The Head of Finance presented the annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit had been based on an assessment against the following criteria:

- Adherence to professional standards
- Planning agreements
- Reporting arrangements
- External audit comments
- Feedback from internal clients

- Budgets and Value for Money
- Section 151 (Chief Financial Officer) comments

*** RESOLVED -**

That the positive assurance given by officers be noted.