

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25th November, 2015

Present:-

Councillor Rayner (Chair)

Councillors Sarvent
Derbyshire

Councillors Caulfield

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tidd.

24 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Standards and Audit Committee held on 23 September and 25 September, 2015 be approved as a true record.

25 **SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED**

The Interim Head of the Internal Audit Consortium presented a report summarising the Internal Audit reports issued for the period 29 August, 2015 to 2 November, 2015 in respect of reports issued relating to the 2015/16 internal audit plan.

It was noted that of the eight reports issued five rated the reliability of internal controls as 'good' and three as 'satisfactory', that responses had been received to all reports and that all the recommendations had been accepted.

***RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

26 UPDATE TO THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN 2014/15

The Interim Head of the Internal Audit Consortium presented a report on the progress in the implementation of the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan, which had been approved by the Standards and Audit Committee in June 2015.

The Corporate Management Team monitored the progress on the action plan and a summary of the progress as at the end of October 2015 was shown in Appendix 1 to the report. A further report would be submitted to the Committee in mid 2016.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

27 NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE

The Interim Head of the Internal Audit Consortium presented a report summarising the results of the 2014/15 National Fraud Initiative for Chesterfield Borough Council.

No cases of fraud and only a small number of minimal errors were identified, resulting in a small financial saving.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

28 INTRODUCTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Mr Tony Crawley of KPMG, new external auditor for the Council, attended to introduce himself to the Committee and to outline some of the issues he anticipated arising for the Committee during the coming year.