REPORT TO: AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: 7

DATE OF 15th JUNE 2016 CATEGORY:

MEETING: RECOMMENDED

REPORT FROM: AUDIT MANAGER

MEMBERS' ADRIAN MANIFOLD DOC: u/ks/audit/internal audit/annual reports/HOA Opinion

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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT REF:

2015/16

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AFFECTED: ALL REFERENCE: AS 02

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To consider and note the Annual Internal Audit Opinion for 2015/16.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To set out the opinion of Internal Audit on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control environment.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Under Audit regulations, the Internal Audit Manager is required to provide a written report to those charged with governance, which gives an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control environment. This is timed to support the Annual Governance Statement.
- 3.2 The audit opinion is based on the work undertaken by internal audit in 2015/16. In summary, based on the work undertaken during the year, the Audit Manager reached the overall opinion that there is an acceptable level of internal control within the Council's systems and procedures.
- 3.4 The detailed report, setting out how this opinion was reached, is attached.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None directly

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 None directly

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulation 2015.