

REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDIT MANAGER

SUBJECT: PCNPA – INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2014-15

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), along with CIPFA's accompanying Local Government Application Note, superseded the 2006 CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the UK, and came into effect from 1 April 2013. As a result of the new Standards a revised approach to the Internal Audit arrangements for PCNPA has been required.
- 1.2 The independent preparation of a risk-based internal audit plan is one of the requirements. Meetings have therefore been held by Internal Audit with all Senior Officers to identify their current business risks, and discuss the internal audit plan for the forthcoming year to ensure it is focused to give both assurance and add value.
- 1.3 The Authority's Corporate Risk Register was also referred to during the compilation of the audit plan, and the Authority's external auditors, Wales Audit Office, were consulted with to ensure the most effective use of the total audit resource.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- 2.1 The risks identified in the assessment undertaken included a mix of those that were considered to have direct implications for Internal Audit, along with other more corporate issues. The audit plan has been determined using a risk-based assessment that identifies the priorities for audit.
- 2.2 The audit risk elements assessed are a mixture of financial and operational items, and included:
 - Cumulative Audit Knowledge and Experience
 - Governance
 - Internal Control
 - Risk Management and Business Continuity
 - Financial Management
 - Audit requests made by Service Managers

RESOURCES

- 3.1 The agreed Internal audit resource for 2014-15 is 22 auditor days for completion of the internal audit plan, with up to 10 additional audit management

days to ensure satisfactory implementation of, and compliance with the new internal audit standards.

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- 4.1 Attached, at Appendix A, is the provisional risk based internal audit plan, specifying the work that it is intended will be performed for the Authority during 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee reviews and approves the internal audit plan for 2014-15

Appendix A

No.	Internal Audit Review	Service Area	Core Financial	Core	Indicative Budget
1	Finance Management System (New)	Finance	X		2.5
2	Payroll & Expenses	Finance	X		2.5
3	Debtors	Finance	X		2.5
4	Grant Funding Arrangements	Corporate		X	2.5
5	Information Governance	Corporate		X	2.5
6	Car Parks	Corporate		X	2.5
7	Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre	Delivery			2.5
8	Newport Information Centre	Discovery			2.5
9	Carew Castle (New Manager – Procedure Review Only)	Discovery			1
10	Implementation of Recommendations (follow-up)	Corporate		X	1
Overall Total					22