

## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:**           **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**               **WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2014**

**REPORT BY:**       **HEAD OF FINANCE**

**SUBJECT:**           **INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT**

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform members of the outcome of all audit work carried out during 2013/14 and to give the annual Internal Audit opinion on the standard of internal control, risk management and governance within the Council.

### **2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Internal Audit Manager is required to prepare a report summarising the outcome of all audit work undertaken during the year. This is part of the framework of assurances that assist the Council in preparing the Annual Governance Statement.

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The report outlines the role of the department and the professional standards that it must meet, the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. It then includes a statement that the department Generally Conforms with those professional standards, as reported in a separate paper to the committee.

3.02 It then gives the annual audit opinion – that there are adequate and effective arrangements in place for risk management, governance and internal control along with the basis of that opinion. The scope and basis of that opinion are outlined.

3.03 The report summarises all the work undertaken during 2013/14 and compares the results with the previous year. Summary information by Directorate is provided on the assurance levels given to the reviews together with the categorisation and number of recommendations made. The work on investigations and advisory work is also outlined.

3.04 The overall performance of the department throughout the year against targets is then given, showing that most targets were met or just missed.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 The Committee is requested to consider the report.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 None.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 None.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Internal Audit Annual Report.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

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