

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

SUBJECT: **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTING**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform the committee of the interim reporting arrangements for Internal Audit.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Internal Audit Manager has a dual reporting line. He reports functionally to the Audit Committee. This means that the Audit Committee is responsible for approving the charter and audit plans, and receives reports on audit work, performance and progress against the plan. The Internal Audit Manager is also to be accountable to, and supported and guided by, a senior officer as their line manager.

2.02 Such arrangements are in line with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, which refer to 'functional' and 'administrative' reporting lines for all Internal Audit Managers. It is also reflected in the Internal Audit Charter. The only requirement is that the Internal Audit Manager should report administratively to a member of the corporate management team (known in Flintshire as the Chief Officer Team in the new operating model) in order to provide the necessary status within the organisation to fulfil the role.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 Previously the Internal Audit department was part of the Finance Division and the Internal Audit Manager reported to the Head of Finance. With the corporate re-structure the department becomes part of the Governance division and he will report to the Chief Officer (Governance).

3.02 As that post has not yet been filled there was a need for an interim arrangement to maintain the status of the function and its business continuity. The Internal Audit Manager will, in the interim and for a period of six months, report directly to the Chief Executive.

3.03 This will not affect the functional reporting line to the Audit Committee.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 For the committee to note the interim internal management arrangements for the Internal Audit function.

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 Change in reporting line for the Internal Audit Manager

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 None.

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

None

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