

## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**DATE:**               **WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2015**

**REPORT BY:**       **INTERNAL AUDIT MANAGER**

**SUBJECT:**           **INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform members of the outcome of all audit work carried out during 2014/15 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 internal 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 internal audit team and the professional standards that it must meet, the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. It then includes a statement that the team Generally Conforms to those professional standards, as reported to the committee in March 2015.

3.02 It then gives the annual audit opinion – that FCC has an adequate and effective framework of governance, risk management, and internal control along with the scope and basis of that opinion.

3.03 The report gives the level of coverage of the audit team during the year and summarises the work undertaken during 2014/15. Summary information by Portfolio is provided on the assurance levels given to the reviews together with the categorisation and number of recommendations made.

3.04 The work on investigations and advisory work is outlined, together with the fraud awareness work that was completed during the year.

3.05 The overall performance of the team throughout the year against targets is then given, showing that most targets were met.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 The committee is requested to consider the report and receive the internal audit annual opinion.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None as a result of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None as a result of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None as a result of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None as a result of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None as a result of this report.

**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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