

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Title	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15</b>		

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To present the Annual Internal Audit Report from the Council's Internal Auditors (CWAS) in compliance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 which requires the Head of Internal Audit to provide an opinion on the work undertaken by Internal Audit.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Internal Audit function for Kettering Borough Council is undertaken by Coventry and Warwickshire Audit Services (CWAS).

### **3 INTERNAL AUDIT OPINION**

- 3.1 To comply with reporting requirements, internal audit are required to give an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment.
- 3.2 The opinion is based upon the results of audit work carried out during 2014/15 and any high priority internal audit recommendations from work carried out prior to 2014/15 which are still to be implemented. The Internal Audit Plan is detailed at **Appendix A** and was delivered in full.
- 3.3 The Internal Audit Opinion is used to inform any significant weaknesses that should be regarded as Significant Control Issues that would require disclosure in the Annual Governance Statement. The work undertaken by Internal Audit has not highlighted any weaknesses which require disclosure.

### **4 CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The Head of Internal Audit's opinion is that significant assurance can be given and that there is generally a sound system of internal control, designed to meet the organisation's objectives and that controls are generally applied consistently. The work undertaken did not highlight any significant weaknesses in relation to control issues.

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4.2 As previous practice, any specific areas that did require attention from a general control perspective were identified in individual audits (as detailed in Section 3 of the attached report).

**5      RECOMMENDATION**

5.1      That the Committee receives the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2014/15.

Background Papers:

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