Wiltshire Council

Audit Committee

19 September 2012

Subject: IT Control Systems

Cabinet member: Councillor John Noeken – Resources

Purpose of Report

1.   To update the committee on the current position regarding the IT control recommendations raised within KPMG's interim Audit Report 2011-12.

Background

2.   At it's last meeting the Committee received the Interim Audit Report 2011-12 from KPMG. The minutes noted, that :-

' … the organisational control environment was effective overall, an improvement on the previous year when it was felt KPMG were unable to rely upon the IT control environment. However, it was stated that significant weaknesses remained as a result of the newness of the controls and further enhancements that are required, for example with regard to protection against unauthorized access. It was stressed that KPMG do not regard the identified issues as meaning there have been fundamental failings in operational concerns..'

3.   The IT control environment was also considered under the Annual Governance Statement 2011-2012.

4.   It was agreed that an update on the IT control recommendations would be brought back to this meeting and this report updates the Committee on the current position.

Progress to date

5.   Considerable work has taken place progress the recommendations. A report is attached which presents the latest agreed position with KPMG. Discussion continues with KPMG on one recommendation and a verbal update will be made at the meeting.

Financial implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

7. The production of the AGS is a statutory requirement. Ongoing review of the effectiveness of the Council's governance arrangements is an important part of the Council's risk management strategy. The IT environment forms part of that assurance.

Environmental Impact.

8. There is no environmental impact arising from the proposals in this report.

Equality and Diversity Impact

9. There are no equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

Conclusions

10. The Information Services team will continue to work very closely with KPMG to ensure these matters are resolved. The latest position will be reported to the meeting of the committee on the 19th September.

Proposal

11. To note the progress made by Wiltshire Council against the KPMG recommendations.

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