

**INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the Internal Audit Annual Report on the outcomes of internal audits carried out in 2010/11 and to give an overall opinion on the control environment of Wiltshire Council.

**Background**

2. The CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government represents mandatory proper practice for the internal audit of public sector bodies. A key requirement of the Code is that Internal Audit prepares an annual report to the Council, presenting a summary of the work undertaken during the year, and to give an opinion on the Council's internal control environment. This opinion provides a source of assurance in support of the Annual Governance Statement.
3. The Audit Committee holds responsibility for receiving the Internal Audit Annual Report on behalf of the Council.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

4. To note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report which details the level of assurance given on all finalised internal audits undertaken during 2010/11, and to note the overall opinion of a substantial assurance on the operation of the control framework of the Council. This is an improvement on 2009/10 when the overall opinion was a limited assurance. There are a number of significant issues arising from our work, which should be disclosed in the Annual Governance Statement for 2010-11.

**Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

5. No environmental impact.

**Financial Implications**

6. There are no additional costs.

### **Reasons for the Proposal**

7. To present the Internal Audit Annual Report 2010/11 to the Audit Committee, and the overall opinion on the Council's control environment.

### **Proposal**

8. The Audit Committee is asked to note the Internal Audit Annual Report 2010/11, and the overall opinion of a substantial assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment. There are a number of significant issues arising from our work, which the Assurance Group should be aware of in considering future governance issues.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this Report:

None