WILTSHIRE COUNCIL   **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

30th JUNE 2010

INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2009-10

Purpose of the Report

1.   To present the Internal Audit Annual Report 2009-10 to the Audit Committee, and the audit opinion on the control environment within the report.

Background

2.   The Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government, issued by CIPFA, represents mandatory proper practice for the internal audit of public sector bodies. A key requirement of the Code is that Internal Audit should prepare an annual report to the Council, in order to present a summary of the work it has undertaken during the course of the year, and to include an opinion on the Council's internal control environment.

3.   The Audit Committee has within its terms of reference the responsibility for receiving the Annual Report of Internal Audit on behalf of the Council.

Main Considerations for the Council

4.   The main consideration is to note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2009-10 (attached as an Appendix), and in particular the overall audit opinion on the Council's overall control environment. This opinion serves as an important source of assurance in support of the Annual Governance Statement for 2009-10.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

5.   No environmental impact arises from issues raised in this report.

Financial Implications

6.   There are no additional costs arising from this proposal.

Reasons for the Proposal

7.   To present the Internal Audit Annual Report 2009-10 to the Audit Committee, and the audit opinion on the control environment control within the report.

Proposal

8.	The Audit Committee is asked to note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2009-10, and in particular the overall audit opinion on the Council's overall control environment. This opinion serves as an important source of assurance in support of the Annual Governance Statement for 2009-10.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this Report:

None