

Audit Committee

22 April 2015

Internal Audit Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Group has met once since the last report to Audit Committee:

Debt Management and Recovery	The section has been restructured and processes and protocols reviewed which should lead to improved debt recovery. At the time of the meeting, approval of a new Framework was awaited which would lead to a new operating manual being issued. The revised system would be fully operational by October 2015 and a further review undertaken at that time.
Trade Waste	The focus of the service had been with the roll out of kerbside recycling. It was thought that commercial opportunities had been missed. Work was underway with Welsh Government backing on a national basis. Under a recent restructuring a dedicated trade service is to be provided which will lead to improvements.
Energy	The Group had raised concerns regarding the forward purchasing of energy and had previously discussed the issue with the Commercial Team. The Council's Energy Management Officer attended the meeting and detailed the processes under which the council procures its energy.
Internet Usage and Security	This item had been considered at the previous meeting but a decision by the Management Team regarding filtering systems was still awaited.
Audit Planning	Audit Planning is to become a standard agenda item to allow Members to contribute to the setting of the forward work programme.
Fraud Update	The Group receives a regular update on fraud.

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Sources: Notes of meeting held 1 December 2014

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