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| <b>Report of:</b>                     | Head of Internal Audit   | <b>Portfolio Holder:</b> | Resources and Performance  |
| <b>Key Decision:</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>General Exception</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>    | Required:  | No                       | Attached: No   |
| <b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b> | Required:  | No                       | Attached: No   |
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| 1.  | <b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>  |
| 1.1 | The committee should consider and approve the Internal Audit Charter. |

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 The Internal Audit Service is a key element of the council's governance arrangements, and is a statutory service in the context of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The relevant standard setters, responsible for defining proper practices in terms of the Accounts and Audit Regulations have issued Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) that require the Internal Audit Service to establish and periodically review a charter. An Internal Audit Charter is attached at Appendix A and is submitted for the committee's consideration and approval.

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
  - **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
  - **Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There is a risk that, if this document is not periodically reviewed and revised to ensure its conformity with PSIAS, the council's Internal Audit Service will not comply with the professional standards that underpin its statutory operation.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The professional guidance supporting this document is subject to ongoing amendment and it is likely that small changes will be required again for 2017/18, but the charter will remain applicable throughout 2016/17.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 Any financial implications are commented upon in the report.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 Any legal implications are commented upon in the report.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Head of finance and property services has reviewed this Internal Audit Charter.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The attached Internal Audit Charter is for consideration and approval.

No background papers