

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 AUGUST 2018

INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

This report provides a review of the Internal Audit Charter.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) note the proposed changes; and
- (ii) approve the Internal Audit Charter.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND COUNCIL PLAN

The Angus Council Plan contains a number of priorities that our 2018/19 Internal Audit Plan seeks to provide assurance on. The Charter outlines the responsibilities of the internal audit service.

3. BACKGROUND

Internal audit services are delivered in compliance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). As part of the PSIAS a Charter is required recognising the mission of Internal Audit and describing the mandatory elements of professional internal audit practice. The PSIAS describe the Charters as

“a formal document that defines the internal audit activity’s purpose, authority and responsibility. The internal audit charter establishes the internal audit activity’s position within the organisation, including the nature of the Chief Audit Executive’s (Service Leader – Internal Audit’s) functional reporting relationship with the board (Scrutiny and Audit Committee); authorises access to records, personnel and physical properties relevant to the performance of engagements; and defines the scope of internal audit activities.”

The Charter is reviewed annually and presented to the Scrutiny & Audit Committee for approval.

4. CURRENT POSITION

The Charter is included at **Appendix 1**. Changes from the previous version have been shown as tracked changes. The changes to the Charter include those to comply with changes made in the PSIAS in April 2018.

5. PROPOSALS

The Committee is asked to note the proposed changes and approve the revised Charter.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix 1 – Revised Internal Audit Charter