

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - CLIMATE CHANGE
WDA/41/24

Recommendation

That:

1. Members note the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor

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INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – CLIMATE CHANGE**WDA/41/24****Report of the Treasurer****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit as a part of its statutory governance arrangements. The Authority's Internal Audit is provided by St Helens Council. The Auditor reviews the arrangements at the Authority and reports to Members on any weaknesses and recommends improvements. This report brings to Members attentions the outcome of the latest review.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Internal Auditor has reported on the review of the Authority's arrangements for managing its approach to Climate Change.
- 2.2 The detailed report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Review of arrangements for managing Climate Change

- 3.1 As a part of the Audit Plan the Auditor reviewed the arrangements for Managing the Authority's approach to Climate Change.
- 3.2 The Auditor concluded that "Substantial Assurance" could be placed on the system. This means that A sound system of governance, risk management control exist, with internal controls operating effectively and being consistently applied to support the achievement of objectives in the area audited.
- 3.3 The auditor made two medium priority recommendations for improvements which have been agreed with officers and which will be implemented.

4. Risk Implications

- 4.1 There are no new risks arising from the auditors review

5. HR Implications

- 5.1 There are no new HR implications

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6. Environmental Implications

6.1 There are no new environmental implications

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report

8. Conclusion

8.1 Internal Audit reviewed the Authority's arrangements for climate change. The review confirmed that arrangements gave substantial assurance and two medium priority recommended actions are being implemented. Members are asked to note the report.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.