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Internal Audit Charter - update 2018	
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Summary

Under the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), all internal audit services operating within the public sector are required to produce an Internal Audit Charter. This Charter sets out the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the Council's Internal Audit function, in accordance with the UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (2016) and the CIPFA Local Government Application Note (LGAN). The Charter is reviewed annually and presented to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for approval.

In 2017, the Charter was subject to significant review following the External Quality Assessment undertaken by Mazars and was updated to more clearly reflect the PSIAS requirements and take on issues identified in relation to best practice. Following review, minor amendments have been made to this revised Charter.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to approve the updated City of London Internal Audit Charter 2018.

Background

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members for revisions to City of London Internal Audit Charter, following amendments to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) which were effective from 1st April 2016 and apply to local and central government, the NHS and the devolved governments. The PSIAS (attribute standard 1000) require that all internal audit activities maintain an internal audit charter.

The Internal Audit Charter

- 2 Under the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), all internal audit services operating within the public sector are required to produce an Internal Audit Charter. The Charter should be reviewed annually and presented to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Following revisions to the PSIAS and the External Quality Assessment undertaken

by Mazars in 2016/17, the Internal Audit Charter was updated to include a mission statement for Internal Audit and the core principles for the professional practice of internal auditing, which is one of the key changes within the revised PSIAS.

These are to:-

- Demonstrate integrity;
- Be objective and free from undue influence (independent);
- Align with the strategies, objectives and risks of the organisation;
- Be appropriately positioned and adequately resourced;
- Demonstrate quality and continuous improvement;
- Communicate effectively;
- Provide risk-based assurance;
- Be insightful, proactive, and future-focused; and
- Promote organisational improvement.

- 3 As required under the PSIAS, the Charter has been subject to annual review and some minor amendments have been made for clarity.

Conclusion

- 4 The revised Internal Audit Charter is submitted for approval.

Appendices:

APPENDIX 1 – City of London Internal Audit Charter 2018 – with revisions

APPENDIX 2 – City of London Internal Audit Charter 2018 – clean copy

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