

KPMG work plan for Internal Audit partnering contract

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report proposes a schedule of work to be undertaken by KPMG as internal audit partners with the in house internal audit team and requests that the Committee approve it.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That this committee approves the revised work plan for the current year.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The objective of the partnering arrangement is to develop the internal audit function at the Council to a position where:

- It services the Council's internal audit requirements in accordance with good practice; and
- In any follow-up review of internal audit functions at Scottish Local Authorities by Audit Scotland, that of Argyll and Bute will be classed as amongst the best.

- 3.2 A work plan was presented to the last Audit Committee who requested 2 amendments. The first related to 10 days time allocated to the development of an Audit Committee handbook. This has been re-allocated to direct audit time.

- 3.3 The second amendment request related to the use of EFQM as a means to implement a continuous improvement process with the audit team. The Audit Committee felt that this was an inappropriate methodology to employ and this revised work plan allocates that time to working with the in-house audit team in developing a more bespoke process for implementing continuous improvement in the audit team as required by the Audit Scotland follow-up review of internal audit and the wider Best Value agenda in local authorities.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy: | None |
| 5.2 | Financial: | None |
| 5.3 | Personnel: | None |
| 5.4 | Legal: | None |
| 5.5 | Equal Opportunities: | None |

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