

## **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

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### **1. SUMMARY**

A finalised Project Initiation Document (PID) was issued to the Project Board on 25 January 2010 and the Audit Committee 5 March 2010. This report outlined the reasons for undertaking a Best Value review of internal audit, along with the proposed scope and estimated timescale for the review. In June 2010 an update report was provided to the Project Board and Audit Committee setting out progress to date. There has now been further progress in addressing remaining issues regarding the first 4 project stages involving data gathering. Work has commenced on project stage 5 to Identify and Assess Options.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and are to be followed up by Internal Audit.

### **3. DETAILS**

3.1 A report was provided to the June Committee regarding progress with the Best Value review of audit. It was reported that KPMG had carried out work on 2 project stages these involved a Good Practice Assessment and a Benchmarking Review. The Benchmarking Review undertaken by KPMG provided initial results covering cost and performance of the current internal audit service in relation to other councils, public and private sector organisations. KPMG completed their analysis on 23 August 2010. The results and points raised by KPMG are being assessed by internal audit.

It was reported in June that the section covering Key Stakeholder had been largely completed, with views obtained from key stakeholder groups. Final comments from the SMT one of the Key Stakeholder groups was obtained 25 August 2010. The response data is currently being assessed by internal audit.

3.2 The information gathered from the 4 completed project stages is currently being used to inform decision making in the Identification and assessment of options, prior to a draft report being prepared for the Project Board.

### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

A final report will be submitted to the Audit Committee upon completion.

### **5. 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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