

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - WASTE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS**  
**WDA/17/14**

**Recommendation**

That:

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

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**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' attention the outcome of the latest review.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Internal Auditor has reported on:
- The Authority's Waste Contract Arrangements
- 2.2 The detailed report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

**3. Review of Waste Contract Arrangements**

- 3.1 The review considered the arrangements in place for the Authority's payments under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract (WMRC) with Veolia, and the arrangements for payments under the Authority's Landfill contracts.
- 3.2 The Auditor concluded that in their overall opinion High Assurance could be taken from the system and the way it was operated. This means that all expected controls are in place and being applied consistently and effectively and there is a sound system of control designed to ensure the achievement of the service or system's business objectives.

3.3 The auditor has not identified Key Recommendations for Members and has made no recommendations for improvements.

#### **4. Risk Implications**

4.1 There are no new risks arising from the auditor's review.

#### **5. HR Implications**

5.1 There are no new HR implications.

#### **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 Contract Management Arrangements. The review confirmed that arrangements were appropriate and there are no Key Findings for Members or recommendations. 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.