

INTERNAL AUDIT - WASTE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS
WDA/10/15

Recommendation

That:

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

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INTERNAL AUDIT - WASTE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS**WDA/10/15****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 Authority employs Veolia ES to provide services under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract (WMRC) which are summarised as follows:
- Transfer stations;
 - Household Waste Recycling Centres;
 - Materials Recycling Facilities;
 - Transport; and
 - Financial transactions in respect of processing waste at 'end-markets'
- 2.2 The Authority also disposes of waste via three landfill disposal contracts:
- Accessing the 3C contract between MWHL and WRG at Arpley;
 - The 'Top-up' contract between MRWA and WRG at Arpley; and
 - The Hazardous waste contract between MRWA and Sita
- 2.3 The purpose of the review was to provide verification of the accuracy of the monthly payments from the Authority to the contractor in respect of each of the contracts.

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3. Audit Findings

- 3.1 The Auditor's report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 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 are being applied consistently and effectively and there is a sound system of control designed to ensure the achievement of the service or the system's business objectives."

- 3.3 The auditor has confirmed there are no Key Issues arising from this review to bring to the attention of Members.
- 3.4 The auditor has made no recommendations for improvements as a consequence of the review

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. Legal Implications

- 8.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 Internal Audit reviews the Authority's arrangements for contract payments. The recent review confirmed that there was a high level of assurance in the arrangements and there are no Key Issues for Members. There are no recommendations for improvement. 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.