

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**  
**WDA/34/24**

**Recommendation**

That:

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

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE****WDA/34/24****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 attentions the outcome of the latest review.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Internal Auditor has reported on the review of the Authority's Corporate Governance arrangements.
- 2.2 The detailed report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

**3. Review of Corporate Governance arrangements**

- 3.1 As a part of the Audit Plan the Auditor reviewed the Corporate Governance arrangements.
- 3.2 The Auditor concluded that "Reasonable Assurance" could be placed on the system. This means that there is a generally sound system of governance, risk management and control in place. Some issues, noncompliance or scope for improvement were identified which may put at risk the achievement of objectives in the area audited.
- 3.3 The auditor made a number of recommendations for improvements which have been agreed with officers and which will be implemented.

**4. Risk Implications**

- 4.1 There are no new risks arising from the auditors review

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## **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 reviews the Authority's governance arrangements. The recent review confirmed that arrangements gave reasonable assurance and a number of recommended actions are being implemented. 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.