

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ON THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CONTRACT
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WDA/45/11**

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 reviewed the Authority's arrangements for the Resource Recovery Contract procurement.
- 2.2 The detailed report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Review of Resource Recovery Contract Procurement

- 3.1 The Internal Auditor has reviewed the processes at the Authority for the procurement of the Resource Recovery Contract. The Auditor has found that the process is well managed and is in accordance with the Authority's approved approach. The Auditor also concluded that during the competitive dialogue both participants have been treated equitably.
- 3.2 The Internal Auditor raised no key issues for the attention of Members, and made no recommendations for improvements to the process.

4. Risk Implications

- 4.1 There are no new risks arising from the auditors 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 Resource Recovery Contract procurement arrangements. The recent review confirmed that arrangements were appropriate. Members are asked to note the reports.

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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.