

# ***Information/Discussion Paper***

**Audit Committee – 23 March 2016**

## **2020 Vision – Residual Corporate Services Matters**

### **Internal Audit Implications**

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed

#### **Why has this briefing come to Audit Committee?**

Prior to the Cabinet Meeting on the 9 February the Director of Resources consulted the Audit Committee Chairman on recommendations concerning the delivery of the Internal Audit Service, the Counter fraud Unit and the functions to be delegated to Joint Committee. The Chairman was supportive of the recommendations and agreed that a briefing paper should be brought to this committee in March.

#### **Background**

In October 2015 Cabinet and Council approved a number of recommendations to establish the 2020 Vision Joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Joint Committee) and for this Council to share more services with the other 2020 partner councils. Cabinet received two reports recommending the delegation of Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits (including Council Tax) functions to the Joint Committee, being new sharing of services arising from the October Cabinet and Council report. During the period since the matter was last considered work has progressed on the creation of the Inter Authority Agreement which will replace the existing legal agreements (s101 agreements) and the GO Shared Services Collaboration Agreement.

Since October, formal consultation has taken place and agreed the Group Manager structure for the 2020 Partnership Venture. These officers have been appointed and will be responsible for the shared services delivered through the Joint Committee and managed by the Partnership Managing Director.

Work on the legal agreements, finalisation of the management structure and work on the performance monitoring framework has therefore led to a number of residual issues being identified which were reported to Cabinet for approval and information as appropriate. Two of these issues related to Internal Audit and the Counter fraud Unit, it was;

#### **RESOLVED THAT**

1. Those functions outlined in the Internal Audit Services document attached at Appendix 2 be delegated to the 2020 Vision Joint Committee in accordance with the delegation principles in section 7.
2. Those functions outlined in the Counter Fraud Services document attached at Appendix 3 be delegated to the 2020 Vision Joint Committee in accordance with the delegation principles in section 7.

Audit Committee Members are asked to note the resolutions above, the full cabinet report

(Appendix 1) and Appendix 2 that provide detail about the functions to be delegated to the Joint Committee in respect of Internal Audit and the Counter Fraud Unit

### **Summary of evidence/information**

The full cabinet report (Appendix 1) and Appendix 2 which details the functions to be delegated to the Joint Committee in respect of Internal Audit and the Counter Fraud Unit

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