



**AGENDA ITEM: 9**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

**28 June 2016**

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**Report of: Borough Treasurer**

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**SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present the 2015-16 Internal Audit Annual Report.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That members consider the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2015-16.

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**3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The United Kingdom Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require the Audit Manager to deliver an annual opinion and report. Consideration of the report is included in this Committee's Terms of Reference.

3.2 The report identifies matters which the Audit Manager considers relevant to Member's consideration of the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts presented elsewhere on this agenda.

**4.0 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

4.1 The Internal Audit Annual Report concludes that West Lancashire Borough Council's risk management systems and framework of governance and control are adequate and effective.

## **5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

5.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The report has no significant links with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 All activity referred to in this report is covered by existing budget provisions.

## **7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This Annual Report is a key element of assurance to this Committee that risks are being properly managed to increase the likelihood that the Council will achieve its overall objectives.

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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Appendices**

Appendix - Internal Audit Annual Report 2015-16.