

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

05 April 2016

### Report of the Management Team

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Information

#### **1 MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSURANCE ON COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON AUDITING**

**There is a requirement for Management Team to confirm to the external auditor that the International Standards on Auditing have been complied with. The Audit Committee is also required to do so and this report provides supporting evidence for that purpose.**

#### **1.1 Assurance**

1.1.1 The determination of compliance with these Standards is by way of a set of questions posed by the external auditor. The questions and accompanying responses to the questions which have been considered and agreed by Management Team are attached at **[Annex 1]**.

1.1.2 It is the opinion of Management Team that these Standards have been complied with.

#### **1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 Failure to comply with these Standards could leave the Council open to a higher incidence of fraud and error resulting in additional costs to resolve.

#### **1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 Non-compliance with these Standards could result in additional work being required by the external auditor to satisfy them that fraud and error were being prevented.

1.3.2 Any incidents of fraud require in depth investigation and use considerable resources to resolve. Any cost effective action to prevent instances of fraud will result in better use of resources.

#### **1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 It is considered that the risk management system in place supported by the policies and internal controls are sufficiently robust to minimise incidents of fraud and error to ensure compliance with the Standards.

Background papers:

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Council policies and records

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