

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

14 April 2014

Report of the Management Team

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSURANCE ON COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON AUDITING

Summary

As part of the Audit Commission annual inspection there is a requirement for Management Team to confirm to the External Auditor that the above auditing standards have been complied with. The Audit Committee and General Purposes Committee have to provide a similar assurance and this report provides supporting evidence to their consideration.

1.1 Assurance

1.1.1 The determination of compliance with these standards is based upon a set of questions posed by the External Auditor. Responses to these questions are provided by the Chief Executive, Director of Finance & Transformation and Monitoring Officer.

1.1.2 The questions and responses are attached. **[Annex 1]**

1.1.3 It is the opinion of Management Team that these standards are being 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 legal 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 resources being diverted to deal with them.

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.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 As this is not a decision paper there is no equality impact identified.

Background papers:

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Council policies and records

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