

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**07 April 2015**

**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 above auditing standards have been complied with. The Audit Committee has 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 have been considered and agreed by the senior Management Team.

1.1.2 The questions and responses are attached at **[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 better use of resources.

## **1.4 Risk Assessment**

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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