

2. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009

The Audit Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Internal Audit Manager providing a copy of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2008/2009 and which set out the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Unit during 2008/2009.

Attached to the report at Appendix 1 was the annual report that summarised the audit work undertaken during 2008/2009 and covered the areas of Systems based Audit Work, Reactive Work and Performance Indicators & Best Value.

The Internal Audit Manager concluded that the systems of internal control in place within the council were generally sound, however improvements were required in certain areas as noted in the conclusion of the annual report. One such area for further audit was the Payroll function and that this would be subject to a further report to the Audit Committee in September 2009.

The Chair wished to record a note of thanks, on behalf of the committee, to the Internal Audit Manager and his staff for all their hard work in providing the council with an effective internal audit system.

Decision

1. To approve the terms of the report; and
2. Note that a report concerning an audit of the council's payroll function would be submitted to the September meeting of the Audit Committee.