



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

**to
AUDIT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL MEETING)
21 JUNE 2018**

INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2017 / 18

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Annual Opinion of the Head of Internal Audit (BDO LLP) on the results of and assurance gained from the 2017 / 18 internal audit work.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Head of Internal Audit Opinion on the results of and assurance gained from the 2017 / 18 internal audit work, as set out in **APPENDIX 1**, is noted

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The role of internal audit is to provide an opinion to the Council, through the Audit Committee, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system to ensure the achievement of the organisation's objectives in the areas reviewed.
- 3.2 The annual report from internal audit provides an overall opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's risk management, control and governance processes. The opinion is set out in **APPENDIX 1** of this report, and concludes that:

‘Overall, we are able to provide moderate assurance that there is a sound system of internal control, designed to meet the Council's objectives and that controls are being applied consistently.’

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 BDO LLP acting as Head of Internal Audit is able to provide moderate assurance that there is a sound system of internal control, designed to meet the Council's objectives and that controls are being applied consistently.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 The report links to the Maldon District Council goal of ‘Delivering good quality, cost effective and valued services’.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Internal Audit is a central part of the Council's risk management framework.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background papers: None.

Enquiries to: Emma Foy, Director of Resources, (Tel: 01621 875762) or Andrew Barnes, Audit Manager (BDO LLP).