

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Audit & Performance Review Committee : 8 September 2010

Subject: Internal Audit Plan 2010/11

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of the planned programme of work for the Internal Audit Section for the year 2010/11.

2. Background

- 2.1** The plan was compiled using largely the same methodology as 2009/10, i.e. a combination approach. The major Corporate systems have been risk assessed using the methodology recommended by CIPFA and from this exercise the 12 highest risk areas have been included in the plan. In addition, computer audit risk areas have been included in the plan after individually consulting with members of the CMT and reviewing the Strategic Risk Register.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** It is clear that the perception of risk is moving away from traditional financial risk and towards operational risks; risks that affect the Council's ability to deliver its objectives. The Audit Section has been aware of this shift in emphasis for some time and has been making changes to accommodate this.
- 3.2** As the Council becomes more risk mature, i.e. risk management is fully embedded, the audit planning process will move away from the combined approach and will rely entirely on the Council's risk registers to identify areas for audit. In a risk mature organisation there should be a natural flow of issues from the Corporate Plan through Service Plans, Risk Registers to the Audit Plan.
- 3.3** Examination of the assignments listed on the schedules of Risk Based may give the impression that Education and Cultural Services and Social Work are receiving insufficient audit coverage, it should be noted that in addition to Risk Based Audit, there are some 140 days allocated to Regularity Audit which are almost exclusively spent in these Service areas.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The Plan has been constructed taking cognisance of the risks associated with the major systems and in consultation with Senior Managers to ensure that risks associated with delivering objectives has been considered.

7. Equalities Impact

7.1 No significant issues are identified at this stage regarding potential equality impact of this report.

8. Conclusions & Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is requested to note this report.

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Appendix:	Annual Audit Plan 2010/11
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Background Papers:	None
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Wards Affected:	All wards
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