

Report for Resolution

Report to Executive
16 September 2009
Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Subject CNC Building Control

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Purpose

To seek the agreement of the Executive to the continued use of South Norfolk Council's internal audit function and Accounts and Audit Committee to fulfil the statutory internal audit arrangements as it relates to CNC Building Control.

Recommendations

That the existing internal audit arrangements with South Norfolk Council's internal audit service and its Accounts and Audit Committee continue.

Financial Consequences

There are no direct financial consequences of implementing the recommendations in this report.

Risk Assessment

If there was no appropriate audit arrangements in place the Council would be failing in its statutory duty.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

This report demonstrates that the Council has appropriate governance arrangements in place to protect the interests of the Council.

Executive Member: Councillor Waters - Corporate Resources and Governance

Ward: Crome Ward

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Background Documents

Letter dated 27 July from South Norfolk Council.

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Internal Audit Arrangements

1. The internal audit service attached to South Norfolk Council currently undertakes audit work on behalf of CNC Building Control Partnership via a service level agreement. Terms of reference for internal audit, annual audit plans, together with annual reports and opinions have previously been submitted to South Norfolk Council's Accounts and Audit Committee.
2. However, this year there was a request from the Managing Partner of CNC Building Control to revise these arrangements and the matter was duly discussed at CNC Joint Committee on 30 April 2009 and South Norfolk Council's Accounts and Audit Committee were likewise happy to continue receiving internal audit related information on behalf of CNC Building Control, although it was agreed that the three authorities served by the partnership should also be requested to secure approval to these arrangements at a meeting of their Cabinet or Council.
3. Members are therefore requested to determine whether they accept the continuing use of South Norfolk Council's internal audit function and Accounts and Audit Committee to fulfil the statutory internal arrangements going forward for CNC Building Control.