

**ERW JOINT COMMITTEE
 17 JULY 2017**

**ERW Consortium Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance
 Opinion 2016-17**

Purpose: To provide the Joint Committee with the Head of Internal Audit annual assurance opinion on the effectiveness of ERW's governance, internal control, risk management and financial management arrangements.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To note the Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance Opinion 2016-17.

REASONS: To assist ERW to inform its Annual Governance Statement.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Joint Committee with the opinion of the Head of Internal Audit on the effectiveness of ERW's governance, internal control, risk management and financial management arrangements, in order to inform ERW's Annual Governance Statement.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications
NONE	NONE	YES	YES	NONE
<p>1. Finance Section 4 within the report highlights the need for the business plan to be aligned to the financial model to enable effective planning within available resources. This should be considered a Priority for Improvement in the Annual Governance Statement.</p>				
<p>2. Risk Management Section 4 within the report states that the risk management arrangements need to be strengthened. This should be considered as a Priority for Improvement in the Annual Governance Statement.</p>				

CONSULTATIONS

N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A

