

## **VJB5. Internal Audit Annual Assurance Report 2018/19**

The Board considered a report by the Internal Audit Manager presenting a report on the Internal Audit work undertaken during 2018/19.

Based on the work undertaken during 2018/19 Internal Audit was able to provide substantial assurance on the adequacy of the Boards arrangements for risk management, governance and control for the year to 31 March 2019.

In providing this opinion Internal Audit had taken account of the findings arising from reviews of:-

- Arrangements for Recording, Monitoring, and Responding to Freedom of Information Requests;
- Business Continuity Management Arrangements; and
- Input to the Annual Governance Statement of Assurance Questionnaire process.

The report summarised the findings of the reviews and summarised the input of Internal Audit into the Annual Governance Statement of Assurance checklist. This provided a high level assessment of the Board's arrangements in regard to areas such as leadership, stakeholder relationships, risk management, internal control, planning and performance and information management.

Following a question in regard to the audit of Freedom of Information requests, the Internal Audit Manager stated that of the 6 requests which had been reviewed 2 had been responded to slightly outwith the 20 day limit.

Following a question the Internal Audit Manager explained the term 'broadly compliant' in respect of Internal Audit's compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2017. This, he confirmed, equated to substantial assurance.

### **Decision**

**The Board noted that Internal Audit was able to provide substantial assurance in respect of its arrangements for risk management, governance, and control for the year to 31 March 2019.**