



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership Board

DATE: 29 September 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Les Chapman, Building Control Manager

SUBJECT: Internal Audit Report

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To receive the Internal Audit Report for North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership for the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Report is noted.
- 2.2** That the Accountancy sections for each Council be thanked for their valued assistance.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The annual internal audit, undertaken by the North Yorkshire Audit Partnership, was completed in June 2010. The audit process covered the normal rules of auditing into financial probity and additional areas requested by the Partnership relating to improved cost efficiencies were investigated. The report is attached in Appendix 1

4.0 POLICY CONTEXT

- 4.1** This Report impacts on the Partnership's values relating to delivering high quality services.

5.0 REPORT

5.1 The outcome of the Report indicates that with one minor exception the Partnership's procedures, processes and policies are robust and well applied, with no major risks identified.

5.2 Only one minor issue was identified relating to procedural matters and revisions have been implemented to remove the risk.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The internal annual audit fee remains as previous years. However, the external audit fee has increased from approximately £2,500 to £9,400. The next financial year will see an increase to £12,230.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Partnership has a statutory requirement to undertake both an internal and external annual audit of its finances.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 By undertaking a robust internal audit the Partnership ensures financial probity and that customers receive value for money.

9.0 CONCLUSION

9.1 It is essential that the Board continue to undertake an annual internal audit to ensure financial probity is maintained.

Background Papers: Previous Audit Reports 2008/2009

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