**AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**
**5 February 2014**

**ITEM 12**

Report of the Head of Governance & Assurance

# Public Sector Internal Audit Standards – CMAP Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme

## SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme (QAIP) used by Central Midlands Audit Partnership (CMAP), for Committee's information.

## RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To accept the QAIP and associated action plan.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Audit and Accounts Committee is responsible for providing assurance to the Council on the effectiveness of the governance arrangements

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 At its meeting on 30 October 2013 Committee was presented with a self-assessment of Internal Audit's conformance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. The self-assessment highlighted that there was no formal document that outlined Internal Audit's Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme. The Central Midlands Audit Partnership has produced a formal document which addresses the issue for all partner organisations. This is attached at Appendix 2.

4.2 The Programme is aimed at ensuring an effective internal audit function. Areas for continuous improvement and development are contained in an action plan.

4.3 The CMAP Board approved the QAIP at its meeting on 4 December 2013.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

| Legal officer | n/a |
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| Financial officer | n/a |
| Human Resources officer | n/a |
| Estates/Property officer | n/a |
| Service Director(s) | n/a |
| Other(s) | n/a |

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications<br>Appendix 2 – QAIP |

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**IMPLICATIONS**
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## Financial and Value for Money

1.1    None directly arising.

## Legal

2.1    None directly arising.

## Personnel

3.1    None directly arising.

## Equalities Impact

4.1    None directly arising.

## Health and Safety

5.1    None directly arising.

## Environmental Sustainability

6.1    None directly arising.

## Property and Asset Management

7.1    None directly arising.

## Risk Management

8.1    None directly arising

## Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1    The governance framework includes arrangements to plan and monitor delivery of the Council's priorities.