

### Opinion of the Head of Internal Audit

I have evaluated the results of the audit and fraud work undertaken during the 2016/17 year. In my opinion the council's framework of governance, risk management and control provides **Substantial Assurance**. The council can therefore continue to place reliance on the adequacy and effectiveness of its systems of internal control and the overall control environment.

Signed

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