

Regulatory and Other Committee

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Finance and Public Protection

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	23 November 2015
Subject:	Chief Executive and Executive Director Briefings on Assurance Arrangements

Summary:

The Audit Committee plays a vital role in the Council's governance and assurance arrangements. To help the Committee undertake this role effectively they have asked the Corporate Management Board to provide some insight on how the potential changes and financial challenge ahead may impact on these arrangements.

Recommendation(s):

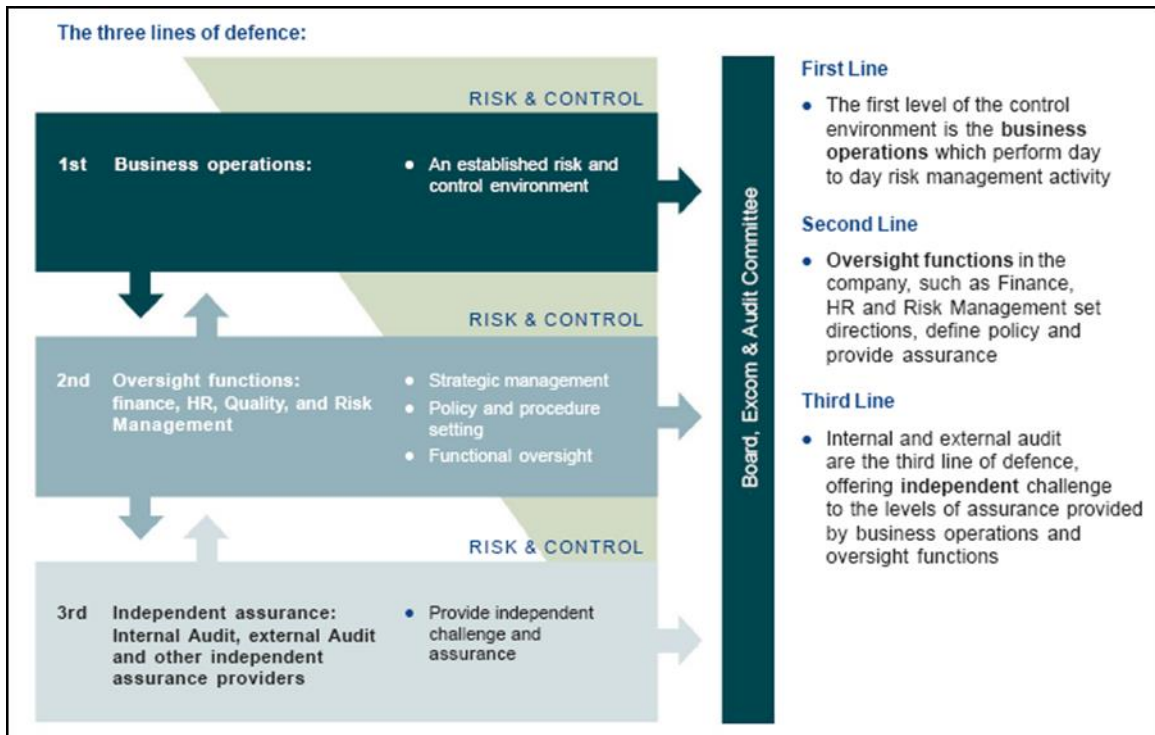
That the Committee:

Notes the current status of the Executive Directors' assurance regime and makes recommendations on any further assurance requirements or actions

Background

1. The Chief Executive and Executive Directors have been asked to provide information on the Council's assurance arrangements. The Committee wishes to:
 - Seek assurance that the Council is maintaining good governance during times of change. The way we operate and deliver services – either directly, with or through other organisations will provide challenges for managing risk, ensuring transparency and demonstrating accountability.
 - Understand how the assurance framework is working through these times of change and associated with the Commissioning Strategies. Particularly the impact on the assurance framework resulting from some of these changes, for example, senior management review, fundamental budget review, service changes. How has this changed the Council's "Three Lines of Assurance"?

Figure 1 Three Lines of Assurance



Conclusion

- To help maintain the Committee's effectiveness it's important that they keep up to date with what's happening within the Council and the public sector. The Committee's discussion with the Corporate Management Board plays a vital role in sharing information and understanding on the issues and risks facing the Council.
- The outcome of these discussions will ultimately help inform the Committees areas of interest for the work plan and the development of the Annual Governance Statement 2016.

Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Executive Director Children's Services Briefing Paper
Appendix B	Executive Director Adult Care Briefing Paper
Appendix C	Executive Director Public Health Briefing Paper

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Lincolnshire County Council Health Protection Programme Assurance Framework 2015 - 2017	

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