

**AUDIT COMMITTEE: 18 September 2017**

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**SCRUTINY CORRESPONDENCE**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES**

**AGENDA ITEM: 11.1**

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**Reason for this Report**

1. At its pre-meeting on the 27 June 2016, it was agreed that members of the Audit Committee would be provided with copies of any correspondence between the Chair of Audit Committee and the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees.

**Background**

2. At the Committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Members considered the Corporate Risk Register, and asked questions in relation to its content.
3. One aspect of the discussion around the register was in respect of safeguarding and the mitigations that have been put in place to ensure against systemic failure.

**Issues**

4. The Deputy Chair considered the Terms of Reference of Audit Committee and determined that the matter of Safeguarding risk management be referred to the Chairpersons of the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.
5. Correspondence from Audit Committee to the Scrutiny Chairs can be found at Appendix A.
6. This matter will now be considered within their respective work programmes.
7. Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee considered the letter at their work programme forum and agreed to receive a report, to committee on the identified risk and mitigating activities prior to its formal review of the draft annual report and requested that the Scrutiny Officer determine with the Director of Social Services the most appropriate time during the year for the report to be presented to Committee.
8. The Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee will consider this issue in the coming year, and will keep Members informed on progress. The full response can be found at Appendix B.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

9. To note the content of the correspondence.

### **Legal Implications**

10. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **Financial Implications**

11. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Recommendations**

12. To note the content of the correspondence.

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**CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES**  
**Date: 18 September 2017**

The following appendices are attached:

Appendix A - Correspondence between the Chair of Audit Committee, and the Chairpersons of Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, and the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Appendix B - Response from Chairperson, Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee