Audit & Governance Committee Briefing Note

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**IRRV Performance Awards 2016**

**Excellence In Corporate Fraud**

In June 2016, the Investigations Team made a submission to the Institute of Revenues, Ratings and Valuation (IRRV) to be considered for their prestigious Performance Awards of 2016.

The category entered was “Excellence in Corporate Fraud”. The submission guidance set out the following:

*The Awards Panel will be looking for organisations to demonstrate they have excelled in the area of corporate fraud. There will need to be evidence of innovation and enterprise, which can be demonstrated through improved and maintained performance.*

In July, the team were announced as one of three Finalists, selected from 44 applications in the category. The next phase of the process was an on-site inspection by IRRV representatives, which took place in August 2016.

During the inspection, presentations were made to the Inspectors to provide further detail about performance, innovation, staff development and partnership working. Representatives from partner organisations including South and Vale District Councils, Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police were present and gave their accounts of the excellent partnership arrangements as well as testimonials about the high quality and effective services the team have provided to their respective organisations.

The IRRV Performance Awards ceremony and gala dinner event took place at the Telford International Centre on 19th October. Oxford City Council were announced as the winners of the Excellence in Corporate Fraud award, further cementing the already excellent reputation of the team at a national level.

This award provides assurance to stakeholders, Committee members and the communities of Oxford that the team are delivering an efficient, effective, class leading corporate fraud investigation function for the Council and its partner organisations.

