

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Governance Committee

Decision Report

Thursday 24 April 2025

1. Appointment of Internal Auditor 2025/26

Recommendation of Governance Committee

To confirm the appointment of Mike Slaughter as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025/26.

Ward

Not ward specific.

Risk Management

To have in place effective internal audit coverage for the Council.

Objective

To ensure compliance with the Governance arrangements in place as outlined within the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Report

The Council is required to have in place an effective internal audit resource, to evaluate the impact of its risk management, control, and governance processes, in consideration with the guidance in place.

The Internal Audit Reviews since 2022/23 have been carried out by Mike Slaughter, who has competence due to his extensive experience within Local Government and he is also independent. Mike has been of benefit to the Council in his approach etc.

If the Council are agreeable Mike would be willing to do the 2025/26 audit.

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk

16 April 2025