AUDIT & RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE
Summary Report of 10th September 2019 meeting

The Committee considered the following:

Risk Management Report
Members reviewed the latest iteration of the risk register following the recent management review. Points on specific risks were discussed.

Information Security Annual Report
Using the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) cyber-security framework (identify, protect, detect, respond and recover) as a basis, Committee Members were updated on the FSA’s robust cyber-security policies, comprehensive work in progress and further plans. Members were informed that the information security awareness campaign appears to be having an impact, with the number of information security incidents plateauing or falling slightly. Members were also informed about actions being taken to ensure that improvements are sustained.

ARAC Self-Assessment
Members had completed the National Audit Office’s self-assessment toolkit. Key points raised were that there was scope to build further Members' knowledge and skills in relation to information security. The adequacy of induction and training could be reviewed, especially ahead of new members joining. In addition, a question about the responsibility and ownership of whistle-blowing and counter fraud was resolved – that this lies with the Executive, not non-executive members.

Internal Audit Progress Report
The low number of outstanding management actions has remained almost unchanged with new management actions from issued reports offset by older actions being implemented. Delivery of the business audits is slightly behind schedule following some long-term leave. OFFC audits are progressing well.

AOB items included finalising the meeting dates for 2020.

Membership: Rod Ainsworth, as interim Chief Executive was thanked by the chair. ARAC continues to have three members and remains quorate.

Dates of next meeting: 4pm, 13th November 2019.