

2024 AGM

Supervisory (Internal Audit) Report - 2023

Introduction

The role of the Supervisor is to provide independent assurance to Board and members that risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively within GMBCU.

As a Supervisor, I fulfil this role through the following actions:

- by ensuring that the policies and procedures of GMBCU are followed
- by providing the governing body i.e. the GMBCU Board with a continuous appraisal of the overall effectiveness of the control systems, including any proposed changes required
- recommending to GMBCU Board improvements where desirable or necessary
- determining whether the internal controls established by GMBCU Board are being maintained properly and operated as laid down in the policy, and comply with relevant Acts, secondary legislation, rules, policies and procedures
- ensuring that accounting records are prepared promptly and accurately, and that they
 are in order
- assessing whether financial and operating information supplied to the GMBCU Board is accurate, pertinent, timely, and complete.



The GMBCU Board is satisfied that the internal audit function has been properly carried out during 2023 by the Supervisor and the reports are included in the Boards minutes.

Supervisor 2023

During 2023 we have devised and followed an annual plan which was agreed by Board. I have also reported and provided regular feedback to Board.

The focus of activity has been centred around risk and investigations. This has been achieved by inquiry, observation, examinations/ inspection and measuring performance outcomes.

I have had full access and co-operation from the Board and Credit Union staff and I am pleased to say that all my checks across a wide range of activities have indicated a satisfactory performance for the year 2023.

During 2024 we will continue to refine our internal control processes following the three lines of defence recommended by our auditors and our business advisors.



The Supervisor and the 'Three Lines of Defence'

Three lines of defence after the GMBCU Board and Senior Managers (SMF)

1st Line of Defence

Management Controls

Internal Control Measures



2nd Line of Defence

Financial Control

Compliance

Security including Cyber

Risk Management Frameworks

Operational Control



3rd Line of Defence

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