

DELOITTE - ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER - DRAFT

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Note: This report has previously come to Audit Committee in December, following the completion of Deloitte's work. However, this year the Audit Commission has brought forward the submission date to 26 October 2012. As there is not another Audit Committee scheduled prior to then, a draft of the report is being reported to this meeting.

SUMMARY

This is a covering report to Deloitte's Draft Annual Audit Letter which provides a summary of the expected conclusions from their audit work undertaken for the year ended 31 March 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to note the report and that a final version will be copied to them prior to submission to the Audit Commission.

INFORMATION

The letter identifies the key areas of Deloitte's work over the year, their findings in each area and the focus of their work going forward:

1. The Council's Financial Statements – it is planned to issue an unqualified opinion on the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012.
2. The Local Government Pension Scheme Annual Report – it is planned to issue an unqualified opinion on the information in the Council's pension scheme annual report for the year ended 31 March 2012.
3. Value for Money conclusion – it is planned to issue an unqualified opinion on the Council's arrangements for securing value for money during the year ended 31 March 2012.
4. Whole of Government Accounts – work is ongoing on the audit of the WGA and is expected to be completed by 5 October 2012.
5. Grants Certification – there will be a separate letter on grant certification issued to Audit Committee early in 2013.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None