

## **EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER**

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### **SUMMARY**

This is a covering report to EY's Annual Audit Letter which provides a summary of the expected conclusions from their audit work undertaken for the year ended 31 March 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The committee is asked to note the report.**

### **INFORMATION**

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

1. The Council's Financial Statements (including the Pension Fund) – an unqualified opinion on the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 was issued.
2. Value for Money conclusion – it was concluded that the Council has put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in the use of resources.
3. Whole of Government Accounts – it was reported to the National Audit Office that the consolidated return was consistent with the statutory accounts.
4. Grants Certification – there will be a separate letter on grant certification issued to Audit Committee at the end of 2016.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None