

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

22 January 2013

EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT PLANNING 2012/13

Report of the Interim Strategic Director for Resources

STRATEGIC AIM:	All
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the External Audit planning arrangements for 2012/13.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee notes the plan at Appendix A.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of and understands the approach to audit planning for 2012/13.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Each year the External Audit produces and agrees with the Council, an Audit Plan setting out its approach to the audit of:

- The Council's Statement of Accounts
- Whole of Government Accounts return
- Value for Money

4.2 The indicative plan for the 2012/13 audit is attached at Appendix A to this report. The plan will be updated in February and reported to this Committee in April.

4.3 The Committee is asked to consider and note the content of the plan.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	Timescales for the audit work have been agreed with the Audit Manager
Viability	Low	There are no direct implications within this report
Finance	Low	There are no direct implications within this report
Profile	Medium	External assessment of the Council's performance attracts interest locally and nationally.
Equality and Diversity	Low	Equality Impact Assessment completed, there are no particular issues from this report.

Background Papers

None

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