# AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

### 16 April 2013

## **EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT PLANNING 2012/13**

#### **Report of the Strategic Director for Resources**

STRATEGIC AIM:	All

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

**1.1** To inform the Committee of the External Audit plan for 2012/13.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### 2.1 That the Committee notes the plan at Appendix A.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- **3.1** 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
- **3.2** The plan for the 2012/13 audit is attached at Appendix A to this report. The plan has been updated following planning work by the external auditors. There are no major risk issues identified by the auditors in their work to date which suggests that additional work will be needed. The fee remains the same as that originally reported in January.
- **3.3** The Committee is asked to consider and note the content of the plan.

#### 4. **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	Low	Equality Impact Assessment completed, there are no
and		particular issues from this report.
Diversity		

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