

AUDIT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No.6
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ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : PriceWaterhouseCoopers	Deadline date : N/A
The Committee is asked to review and comment on the Report to Management: Interim and Final Audit 2011/12 (Appendix 1)	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

This report is submitted to the Audit Committee in line with the regular pattern of reporting on the Council's financial controls.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the report prepared by the external auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC), which details matters identified during the interim and final audit for the 2011/12 accounts and their follow up on matters raised during previous years audits.
- 2.2 This is in accordance with the Committees' Terms of Reference - 2.2.1.5 To consider the external auditors annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item / Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 During the year, PwC have undertaken various reviews on behalf of the authority. The following report sets out various control and system issues identified during the course of their interim and final audit work, and has been received and agreed with senior management. PwC will be in attendance to discuss matters arising in the report.
- 4.2 Each recommendation has been allocated a priority rating to reflect the degree of importance in the context of the Council's internal controls. The priority ratings are defined as high, medium or low priority.
- 4.3 During the interim and final 2011/12 audit five new control issues are noted, of which four are of medium priority and one of low priority. The report notes that all of the recommendations raised in previous reports have been addressed.

5. CONSULTATION

The Report to Management and action plan has been shared with the Corporate Management Team, and actions agreed by senior management at various times before being finalised.

6 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

For Audit Committee to acknowledge and approval of the works undertaken by External Audit and to endorse the Action Plans produced in consultation with senior management.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit Committee to note the contents of the report and to comment on issues identified within the various commissioned works.

8 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

9 IMPLICATIONS

Implications have been identified separately in each agreed Action Plan

10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)
None

10.1 Report to Management – Interim and Final Audit 2011/12

11 APPENDICES

Appendix A - Report to Management