

AUDIT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
2 FEBRUARY 2015	PUBLIC REPORT

Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	
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EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : PricewaterhouseCoopers	Deadline date : N/A
<p>The Committee is asked to consider, and endorse the final reports produced by External Audit in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 2013/14 Annual Audit Letter; and (ii) 2013/14 Grant Claims: Annual Certification Report. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

This report is submitted to the Audit Committee in line with its Work Programme for 2014/15.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce various reports from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the Council's external auditors, 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. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

- 4.1 During the year, PwC have undertaken various reviews on behalf of the authority, the Annual Audit Letter collates and summarises those reports, the bulk of which was reported to Audit Committee in the ISA 260 on the 22nd September 2014. The following reports have been received and agreed with senior management. PwC will be in attendance to discuss matters arising in each report.

Appendix	Report	Issue Date
A	2013/14 Annual Audit Letter	28 th October 2014
B	Grant Claims : Annual Certification Report 2013/14	20 th January 2015

4.2 2013 / 2014 Annual Audit Letter (Appendix A)

The External Auditor and the Audit Commission Relationship Manager produce an Annual Audit Letter reviewing the Council's arrangements and progress in relation to the Audit of the Accounts. Cabinet will also consider this report in February 2015.

4.3 2013 / 14 Grant Claims: Annual Certification Report (Appendix B)

Annual report into the review and verification of grant claims across PCC.

4.4 Report to Management: Interim and Final Audit 2013/14

In previous years a Report to Management has been submitted. This year all significant matters were reported within the ISA 260, which was reviewed by Audit Committee on the 22nd September 2014, therefore PWC consider that a separate report that repeats these items is not needed.

5. CONSULTATION

The various appendices have been discussed, and actions agreed by senior management at various times before being finalised. In addition, will Cabinet discuss and approve their content.

6 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

Acknowledgement and approval of the works undertaken by External Audit.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit Committee is requested 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

11 APPENDICES

Appendix A - 2013/14 Annual Audit Letter; and
Appendix B – 2013/14 Grant Claims: Annual Certification Report.