

Cherwell District Council
Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

26 March 2014

External Audit: Audit Commission Fraud Briefing
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Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

This report is public

Purpose of report

To consider the Audit Commission's fraud briefing to members, which will be presented by the council's external auditor, Ernst & Young.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the contents of the presentation.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Ernst Young will present the Audit Commission's fraud briefing to members. This is attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 This presentation covers the Audit Commission's national report – Protecting the Public Purse 2013. The presentation also gives comparative information for Cherwell District Council.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 For the audit committee to note the presentation.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To request further information from the External Auditor.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.
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Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.
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Risk Management Implications

- 7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.
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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected - All wards are affected

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework - All corporate plan themes.

Lead Councillor - None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Audit Commission Fraud Briefing
Background Papers	
None	
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