

Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

26 March 2014

<p>External Audit: Progress Update 2013-14 and Local Government Sector Briefing</p>
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Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

This report is public

Purpose of report

To receive an update of progress to date by the Council's external auditor, Ernst Young.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the progress update from Ernst Young.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Ernst Young will provide a verbal update on progress against the Audit Plan. Attached at Appendix 1 is the local government audit committee briefing.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 External Audit undertakes its work in line with the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice. The Audit Plan sets out the work that will be delivered during the year. Ernst Young will provide a verbal update to the Committee on progress to date.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 For the audit committee to note progress against the Annual Audit Plan.

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	Local Government Audit Committee Briefing
Background Papers	
None	
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