

Cherwell District Council
Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

28 June 2017

External Audit Letter to the Committee

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

This report is public

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the response to the Ernst Young letter to the Chairman of this Committee.

1.0 Recommendations

The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the response to external audit's request for management assurances from Those Charged With Governance in Appendix 1.

2.0 Introduction

This report is to inform members of the response to the External Audit letter to this Committee.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 Auditing standards require external audit to formally update their understanding of the Council's management processes and arrangements each year. They do this by asking the Audit Committee (as Those Charged with Governance) a series of questions surrounding the Council's management arrangements.
- 3.2 The response to these questions is contained in Appendix 1. This has been reviewed by the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The Audit Committee is recommended to note the progress in preparation of the Accounts for 2016-17 and to approve the response to external audit on the Council's management arrangements.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The response to the external audit letter is a requirement of the regulations.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from 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 Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Equality and Diversity

7.4 There are no equality and diversity implications from this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

None

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

None

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Those Charged With Governance's response to external audit's request for management assurances
Background Papers	
None	
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