

**Cherwell District Council**  
**Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee**

**30 May 2018**

<b>External Audit – Annual Audit Letter 2016/17</b>
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**Report of the Executive Director, Finance & Governance**

This report is public

**Purpose of report**

To note the Ernst and Young (EY) Annual Audit Letter 2016/17.

**1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the contents of the letter setting out the key issues arising from the audit work undertaken by the Councils External Auditors, Ernst & Young (EY).

**2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 The Annual Audit letter highlights the key issues arising from external audit work undertaken during 2016/17.

**3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 The Annual Audit letter is attached in Appendix 1. The letter includes an overview and summary of 2016/17 audit work, key findings, details of audit fees and a look ahead at changes for future years.

**4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The committee is asked to consider and note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

**5.0 Consultation**

- 5.1 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: Not applicable as this report is for information.

## **7.0 Implications**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 The financial implications arising directly from this report are contained in 3.2. This cost is already incorporated into the Councils budget.

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### **Legal Implications**

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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### **Risk Management Implications**

- 7.3 There are no risk management issues arising directly from 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	External Audit (EY) Annual Audit Letter 2016/17
Background Papers	
None	
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