

# Cherwell District Council

## Accounts Audit and Risk Committee

21 November 2018

<b>External Audit: Annual Audit Letter 2017/18 and Internal Audit Progress Report</b>
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### Report of the Executive Director – Finance and Governance

This report is public

#### Purpose of report

To consider the Ernst and Young LLP Annual Audit Letter, which includes comments on the external audit of the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts. The report also present the CW Audit Internal Audit Progress Report 2018/19.

#### 1.0 Recommendations

The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Consider the key issues raised in the letter (appendix 1).
- 1.2 Consider the key issues raised in the Internal Audit Report 2018/19 (Appendix 2).

#### 2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Ernst Young's letter highlights the key issues arising from their audit their work for the financial year 2017/18.
- 2.2 CW Audit report highlights the progress made in delivering the 2018/19 audit plan to the end of October.

#### 3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Annual Audit letter is attached in Appendix 1. The letter includes the following details relating to 2017/18:
  - Executive summary of audit work.
  - Purpose and Responsibilities.
  - Financial Statement Audit.
  - Value for Money.
  - Other Reporting Issues.

- Focused in your future.
- Audit Fees

3.2 The CW Audit progress report (Appendix 2) details the following reviews: -

- Cybersecurity
- Information Governance
- Health & Safety
- Legal Compliance
- Homes England Grant
- Disabled Facilities Grant

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1 The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee needs to consider: -

- The external auditor's annual Audit Letter.
- CW Audit Progress Report.

## **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.

Option 2: To request further information from the Internal 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 Ensuring that we address the issues highlighted in the appendices will reduce our exposure to risks in those areas.

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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	Annual Audit Letter 2017-18
Appendix 2	Cherwell & South Northants Progress Report 2018-19
Background Papers	
None	
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