Cherwell District Council

Accounts Audit and Risk Committee

30 June 2016

External Audit: Progress Update 2015/16

Report of Chief Finance Officer

This report is public

Purpose of report

To receive Ernst Young's report briefing on Value for Money audit – Code of Audit Practice 2015 and Council Annual fee letter 2016/17.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the briefing on Value for Money audit – Code of Audit Practice 2015 and Council Annual fee letter 2016/17 from Ernst Young.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The briefing report, at appendix 1, sets out the Value for Money audit by Ernst Young relating to the Code of Audit Practice 2015.
- 2.2 The Council Annual fee letter 2016/17, at appendix 2, set out the fees for 2016/17.

3.0 Report Details

3.1 Ernst Young have provided an a briefing on Value for Money audit – Code of Audit Practice 2015 and Council Annual fee letter 2016/17.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 For the audit committee to note the briefing on Value for Money audit 2015 and fee letter 2016/17.

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 management issues arising directly from this report

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Equality and Diversity

7.4 There are no equality and diversity 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	Value for Money audit – Code of Audit Practice 2015
Appendix 2	Council Annual fee letter 2016/17
Background Papers	
None	
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