

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

**30 June 2016**

<b>External Audit Letter to the Committee</b>
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**Report of the Chief Finance Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of report**

To inform members of the response to the Ernst Young letter to the Chairman of this Committee.

**1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the response to external audit's request for management assurances from Those Charged With Governance (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 Head of Internal Audit, the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Finance and Procurement.

**4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Audit Committee is recommended to note the progress in preparation of the Accounts for 2014-15 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**

N/A

## Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

N/A

## Lead Councillor

None

## Document Information

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