COMMITTEENAME

Agenda Item 33

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Ernst & Young – Audit Results Report 2015/16

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Note: The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 3, Access to Information Procedure Rule 5 and Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least 5 days in advance of the meeting) were that the a number of queries in relation to the valuation of the Authority's Property, plant and equipment were still being finalised.

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Audit Results Report summarises the findings of the 2015/16 audit which is now substantially complete. It includes the key messages arising from the audit of the financial statements and the results of work undertaken to assess the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money in its use of its resources
- 1.2 We propose to issue an unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements subject to full completion of outstanding areas of work.
- 1.3 We anticipate issuing an unqualified value for money conclusion. We are satisfied that, in all significant respects, Brighton & Hove City Council put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2016.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 To note the findings set out in the 2015/16 Audit Results Report, ask questions as necessary and raise any other matters relevant to the audit.