

Subject:	Ernst & Young - 2014/15 Annual Certification Report and December 2015 Progress Report		
Date of Meeting:	8 March 2016		
Report of:	EY		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 **Audit Plan 2015/16** - The 2015/16 Audit Plan sets out how we intend to carry out our responsibilities as your external auditor. It covers the work we plan to perform in order to provide you with:
- our audit opinion on whether the Council's financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2016 and the income and expenditure account for the year then ended; and
 - a statutory conclusion on the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The report summarises our progress to date, our assessment of the key risks which drive the development of an effective audit for the Council, and outlines our planned audit strategy in response to those risks.

- 1.2 **LG Sector Briefing** - The purpose of this report is to summarise some of the current issues facing the Local Government sector and is for information only.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To consider the 2015/16 Audit Plan and ask questions as necessary on our proposed audit approach, progress to date and audit scope. You should also consider whether there are any other matters which you consider may influence our audit.
- 2.2 That the committee notes the LG sector briefing.

