

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	EXTERNAL AUDIT – PROGRESS REPORT – DECEMBER 2015		
DATE OF DECISION:	14 DECEMBER 2015		
REPORT OF:	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
NOT APPLICABLE	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
The purpose of this report is to provide the Governance Committee with an overview of the final position against the Council's 2014/15 audit plan, and initial plans for the 2015/16 audit.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	To note the Progress Report – December 2015
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	The Progress Report is a key mechanism in ensuring that the external audit is aligned with the Governance Committee's service expectations.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	No alternative options considered.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	The progress report has been discussed and agreed with senior officers within the Council.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
4.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
5.	None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
6.	External audit is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 the National Audit Office's 2015 Code of Audit Practice, the Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd, auditing standards and other professional requirements.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
7.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
8.	None

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Progress Report – December 2015
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None