

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXTERNAL AUDIT – PROGRESS REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	12 DECEMBER 2016		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
NOT APPLICABLE	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
The purpose of this report is to provide the Governance Committee with an overview of the final position against the Council's 2015/16 audit plan, and the external auditors initial plans for the 2016/17 audit.	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	(i) To note the Progress Report set out in Appendix 1.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	The Progress Report is a key mechanism in ensuring that the external audit is aligned with the Governance Committee's service expectations.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	No alternative options considered.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	The progress report has been discussed and agreed with senior officers within the Council.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
4.	None.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
5.	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
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.

<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
7.	None.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
8.	None.

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	N/A

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices**

1.	Progress Report
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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**Privacy Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
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**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)
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1.	None
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