

Audit and Standards Committee

7th January 2016

External Auditors Report – Audit & Standards Committee Update

Recommendation

The Audit and Standards Committee is asked to consider and make any comments on the Warwickshire County Council Audit and Standards Committee Update Report from the External Auditors, attached at **Appendix A**.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is for our external auditors to provide a report to inform the Council's Audit and Standards Committee of their progress in delivering our responsibilities as our external auditors. The report also includes a summary of emerging national issues and developments and a number of challenge questions in respect of these emerging issues which the Committee may wish to consider.

1.2 The issues covered in the report are:

- A practical guide for local leaders on making devolution work
- The Business Location Index
- The Health and Wellbeing Index
- The Grant Thornton market insight report
- A report on the effectiveness review of Audit Committees
- The Code of Audit Practice, and
- A member governance programme

2.0 Background Information

None

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