

## Audit and Standards Committee

17 November 2016

### External Auditors Annual Audit Letter 2015/16

#### Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the Annual Audit Letter of the External Auditors, attached at Appendix A, including whether any executive action is required.

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice requires auditors to prepare an annual audit letter and issue it to each audited body.
- 1.2. The purpose of preparing and issuing annual audit letters is to communicate to the audited body and key external stakeholders, including members of the public, the key issues arising from auditors' work, which auditors consider should be brought to the attention of the audited body. The annual audit letter covers the work carried out by auditors since the previous annual audit letter was issued.
- 1.3. This letter, for 2015/16, is attached at **Appendix A**. It summarises all of the work completed as part of the 2015/16 annual audit and reported to this Committee in previous reports and provides a brief update on any issues since the last report to the Committee in September.
- 1.4. The Engagement Lead and the Audit Manager will attend the meeting to present the report.

#### 2. Background Papers

- 2.1. None.

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Local Members consulted

Not applicable

Other Members consulted

None