



AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	External Audit Update
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date:	7 th November 2011
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Finance and Support
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Alan Bottwood

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a verbal update on the progress of external audit plans and to present the Annual Audit Letter 2010/11.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the progress of external audit plans as presented to the Committee by the Council's external auditors; and
- 2.2 To receive the Annual Audit Letter 2010/11.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission, audit the Statement of Accounts and major grant claim and returns.

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission completed their audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2010/11 in September. The Council has now received the Annual Audit Letter for 2010/11 and the external auditors will provide the Audit Committee with a verbal update on progress.

3.3 Choices (Options)

3.3.1 To comment on the letter and to question the Council's external auditors on any matters arising.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 None.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 There are no specific resources and risk implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 None.

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

4.6.1 Protecting and enhancing the reputation of Northampton Borough Council.

4.7 Other Implications

4.7.1 Not applicable

5. Background Papers

None

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