



Policy, Finance and
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Committee

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**Matter for
Information**

Title: **External Audit – Annual Audit letter 2013/14**

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1. Introduction

Attached as an Appendix is the Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14 from KPMG, the Council's external auditors.

2. Recommendations

Members note the contents of the report.

3. Information

The attached Appendix is the statutory annual audit letter 2013/14 from the Council's external auditors. In summary, it confirms the following:

VFM conclusion: unqualified value for money conclusion and the external auditors were satisfied that proper arrangements for securing financial resilience were in place in order to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Audit opinion: unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements was issued.

Financial Statement Audit: no material mis-statements were identified and no recommendations were included in the auditor's report.

Annual Governance Statement: the auditors confirm it was consistent with their understanding of the Authority.

Whole of Government Accounts: the external auditors confirm it was consistent with the audited financial statements.

Certificate: one certificate was issued confirming that the 2013/14 audit has been concluded in accordance with requirements of legislation.

Audit Fee: the auditor's fee for 2013/14 was £57,045 excluding VAT.

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Background Papers:-

External Auditors Annual Audit Letter 2013/14

Implications	
Financial	(JD) No direct financial implications.
Risk	External audit is a key component of the Council's control framework. All outcomes will be considered in the context of this strategic risk register.
Equalities	(KG) No direct implications.
Legal	(KG) No direct implications.