

Audit Committee – 21 November 2016

Annual Audit Letter 2015/16

1. Summary of report

- 1.1 This report presents Ernst Young's Annual Audit Letter 2015/16. It summarises the key issues arising from the work that the external auditors have carried out at Walsall during 2015/16. The letter is designed to communicate their key messages and conclusions to the council and external stakeholders, including members of the public. The letter covers the following work areas:
- auditing the 2015/16 year end accounts
 - assessing the council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness to ensure Value for Money (VfM) is achieved

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Audit Committee are requested to formally consider and receive the external Annual Audit Letter 2015/16.



James Walsh, Chief Finance Officer
2 November 2016

3. Governance

The Annual Audit Letter summarises the key work areas and audit conclusions arising during 2015/16 to assist the council in maintaining strong governance arrangements.

4. Resource and legal considerations

None directly relating to this report.

5. Performance and risk management issues

Performance and risk management is embedded in the final accounts process.


6. Equality implications

None directly associated with this report.

7. Consultation

The report is prepared in consultation with finance and senior officers across the council.

8. Background papers - Various financial working papers.

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