

Audit Committee – 22 February 2016

Ernst & Young Audit Planning Report the Year Ending 31 March 2016

Summary of report

This report provides the Audit Committee with details of Ernst & Young's audit plan for the financial year ending 31 March 2016. It details the planned audit strategy driven by an assessment of the key issues and significant risks that could affect the accounts. See **Appendix 1**.

The plan covers the work to be undertaken to provide the council with an opinion on the financial statements together with the value for money conclusion

Recommendation

1. Audit Committee is requested to review and note the contents of this report.

Governance

Ernst & Young are the council's independent external auditors. Outcomes from their work will assist the council in maintaining strong governance arrangements.

Resource and legal considerations

None directly relating to this report.

Performance and risk management issues

Performance and risk management is embedded in the council's processes.

Equality implications

None directly relating to this report.

Background papers

Ernst & Young's Walsall Council Audit Strategy for the year ending 31 March 2016.

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