

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of meeting: 10 December 2014

Report of: Acting Head of Finance Shared Services

Title: External Auditor's Fraud Briefing

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives details of the Audit Commission's *Protecting the Public Purse 2014* and provides comparative information for this Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members note the contents of the Fraud Briefing

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3.0 **DETAILS**

- 3.1 The Audit Commission have produced a local report shown in Appendix 1 from their national publication *Protecting the Public Purse 2014* and is presented by Grant Thornton.
- 3.2 A representative from Grant Thornton UK LLP, the Council's appointed external auditors will be at the meeting to present the report.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 None Specific.

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 4.2.1 None Specific.

4.3 **Equalities**

- 4.3.1 None Specific.

4.4 **Potential Risks**

- 4.4.1 There are no risks associated with the decisions members are being asked to make.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Protecting the Public Purse – Fraud Briefing 2014,
Watford Borough Council