

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of meeting: 8 January 2014

Report of: Alan Power - Head of Finance Shared Services

Title: External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter and Audit Committee Update

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report allows the Committee to ask questions of the external auditor concerning his 'Annual Audit Letter' and also provides an update from the external auditor on delivering their responsibilities together with information on emerging issues affecting district councils

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That members note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter and the Audit Committee Update.

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3.0 **DETAILS**

- 3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Annual Audit Letter and at Appendix 2 is an Audit Committee Update
- 3.2 Mr. Richard Lawson from Grant Thornton UK LLP, the Council's appointed external auditors will be at the meeting to present the letter and answer questions.

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**

None Specific.

4.4 **Potential Risks**

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

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Annual Audit Letter 2012/13 – October 2013
- Appendix 2 Audit Committee Update – November 2013