Report to: Audit Committee

Date of meeting: 12 March 2014

Report of: Alan Power - Head of Finance Shared Services

Title: Audit Committee Update

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report allows the Committee to ask questions of the external auditor concerning emerging national issues and challenges for the Council.

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 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.
- 3.3 The Update provides a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may impact on the Council.

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 Audit Committee Update - March 2014