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**EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2015-16**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the External Audit Plan for 2015-16.

**Information and Analysis**

2. **Attached** is a copy of the Audit Plan for 2015-16, accompanied by an update on the revised approach to the value for money assessment, prepared by the Council's appointed external auditors, Ernst Young (EY).
3. Representatives from EY will attend the meeting to present the Plan and update.

**Recommendations**

4. It is recommended that the External Audit Plan for 2015-16 and accompanying value for money update be noted.

**Reason**

5. The recommendation is supported to enable the Audit Committee to consider the content of the External Audit Plan 2015-16 and the revised approach to the value for money assessment.

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Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

**Background Papers**

External Audit Plan 2015-16

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the strategy beyond the report comprising part of the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.