
ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2016/17

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Annual Audit Letter for 2016/17

Summary

2. The Annual Audit Letter (**Appendix**) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2016/17 audit work undertaken by Ernst and Young LLP (EY), the Council's external auditors, for the benefit of Members and other interested stakeholders.
3. The Letter will be presented at the meeting by a representative from EY.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Annual Audit Letter be noted.

Reasons

5. The recommendation is supported to enable the Audit Committee to receive the results of external audit work carried out.

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Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

Background Papers

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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 a reflection on the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	The External Auditors concluded that the Council had put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.
Corporate Parenting	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers