

Audit and Governance Committee
Meeting to be held on 14 January 2013

Electoral Division affected: All

External Audit - Annual Audit Letter 2011/12
Appendix A refers.

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Executive Summary

The report sets out the external auditor's Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12.

Recommendation

The committee are asked to consider the external auditor's Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12, as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

The external auditor's Annual Audit Letter 2011/12 summarises for the county council the findings of the annual audit for 2011/12. The audit is made up of two elements as follows:

- the audit of financial statements;
- the assessment of arrangements to achieve value for money in the use of resources

The letter has been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 2 October 2012 and is available to view via the county council's website.

The Council's external auditor, Karen Murray, will attend the meeting to present the Annual Audit Letter and respond to questions.

Consultations

The report was agreed with the council's chief executive and county treasurer.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Annual governance report	September 2012	Fiona Blatcher, 0161 234 6393, Grant Thornton, fiona.c.blatcher@uk.gt.com

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A