

**Committee** Governance and Audit Committee

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# Subject: Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

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Purpose / Summary:	The purpose of the report is to present the Annual Audit Letter to the Governance and Audit Committee.

# **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

To accept the information contained within this report.

#### IMPLICATIONS

#### Legal:

None arising from this report.

#### Financial : FIN/90/18

As detailed within the Annual Audit Letter, the corporate Audit Fees are met from an approved budget and totalled £43,403.

#### Staffing :

None arising from this report.

## Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None arising from this report

#### **Risk Assessment :**

None arising from this report.

## **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :**

None arising from this report.

# Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

## Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)	Yes	No	x	
Key Decision:				
A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications	Yes	No	x	

# Executive Summary

The Annual Audit Letter is attached at Appendix A, the headlines of which include:

- An unqualified audit opinion on the 2016/17 Statement of Accounts;
- An unqualified value for money (VFM) 2016/17 conclusion;
- The authority has good processes in place for the production of the accounts;
- Certified Completion of the Audit;
- Annual Governance Statement consistent with understanding of the Authority;

The report will be presented by John Cornett, KPMG LLP (UK).