

**TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
30 JANUARY 2019**

**EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN
DIRECTOR: FINANCE**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Council's External Auditor to present to the Committee the Audit plan covering the 2018/19 financial year.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee notes the Audit plan for the 2018/19 financial year.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of the External Audit approach for the year 2018/19.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None available.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Council's External Auditor Ernst and Young has provided the Committee a report setting out its planned approach to the annual audit for 2018/19. Andrew Brittain, Director, Ernst and Young will attend the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

6 BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

7 BOROUGH TREASURER'S COMMENTS

- 7.1 Nothing to add to the report.

8 OTHER OFFICER'S COMMENTS

- 8.1 not applicable.

9 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Not applicable

10 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 10.1 None arising from this report.

11 PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED

11.1 Not applicable

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 BFC Audit Planning Report – Ernst & Young Report

13 CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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