

TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
31 JULY 2012

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**EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE  
Borough Treasurer**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the external auditor's progress with delivering their external audit responsibilities. The report also includes an update on the externalisation of the audit practice.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **That the Committee note the update report attached at Annex A.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To provide the Committee with an update on progress with the work of external audit.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 As the district auditor, Helen Thompson, and the audit manager, Catherine Morganti, are unable to attend this meeting of the Committee they have provided a written update on progress with external audit matters, including the externalisation of the audit practice. This is attached at Annex A. The Committee are asked to note the contents of this update report. Any questions can be raised via the Borough Treasurer or directly with the district auditor or audit manager whose contact details are set out on page 8 of the report.

**6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Nothing to add to the report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 None.

Other Officers

6.5 Not applicable.

**7 CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 None.

Background Papers

None

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