

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2015**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

### **EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE 2014/15 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To report the key findings from the external audit of the 2014/15 financial statements.

#### **Background**

2. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), the County Council's external auditor, are required to communicate the results of the 2014/15 audit of the Council's financial statements to those charged with governance prior to certifying the statement of accounts. The draft 2014/15 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement (AGS) can be viewed on the Council's website via the following link:-

[http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/your\\_council/budget/statement\\_of\\_accounts.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/your_council/budget/statement_of_accounts.htm)

3. A copy of the auditor's report and the draft letter of representation are attached as an Appendix to this report. The auditor anticipates issuing an unqualified audit opinion.
4. Richard Bacon, the PwC audit partner responsible for the County Council audit will attend the Committee meeting on 25 September to communicate any significant findings and answer any questions.

#### **Recommendation**

5. The Committee is asked to consider the issues raised in the auditor's report.

#### **Equalities and Human Rights Implications**

6. None.

#### **Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

7. None.

#### **Background Papers**

None.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix - External Auditors report and draft letter of representation.