



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 17 FEBRUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/17

Purpose

1. To present the External Audit Plan 2016/17 for consideration.

Audit Plan 2016/17

2. The Audit Plan for 2016/17 is included in the Appendix attached to this report. John Cornett from the County Council's external auditors, KPMG, will attend the meeting in order to present the Audit Plan and answer any questions.
3. Overall materiality for the audit opinion for the County Council has been set at £14.75m and for the Pension Fund at £31m. The report also explains that the auditor is obliged to report uncorrected omissions or misstatements other than those which are 'clearly trivial' to those charged with governance and this has been set at £0.75m for the County Council and £1.55m for the Pension Fund.
4. The significant risks identified by the external auditor for 2016/17 are:
 - Changes in the pension liability due to Pension Fund triennial valuation, as at 31 March 2016. Audit focus on testing the data provided to the Actuary.
 - Implementation of a new Fixed Asset Register. Audit focus on testing of the new system, including opening balances and calculations of asset charges for 2016/17.
 - Delivery of savings plans. Audit focus on delivery of current plans and arrangements to identify further savings

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to note the update provided by KPMG.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

6. None.

Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

7. None.

Background Papers

8. None

Appendices

External Audit Plan 2016/17

Officers to Contact

Mr C Tambini, Director of Finance, Corporate Resources Department
Tel: 0116 305 6199 Email: Chris.Tambini@leics.gov.uk

Mr D Keegan, Head of Finance, Corporate Resources Department
Tel: 0116 305 7668 Email: Declan.Keegan@leics.gov.uk