

CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

LEGAL

1. The Audit and Governance Committee has a legal obligation of oversight for the Council's governance arrangements.
2. Human Rights Act – There are no new direct implications.

VALUE FOR MONEY AND USE OF RESOURCES

3. Finance and other resources, including ICT – A core element of the External Auditor's work is to review the Council's financial statements which are approved each September.
4. Staffing – The report has not identified any direct implication on staffing.
5. Value for Money – The auditing of the Council is part of the process to ensure the delivery of value for money.
6. Risk Management – This is assessed as part of the value for money conclusion.

COMMUNITY

7. Safer & Stronger Communities – No new implications.
8. Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – No new implications.
9. Environment / Sustainability – No new implications.
10. Equalities

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The detail contained within the report provides information on auditing and will therefore cause no adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	The information contained within the report will lead to an opinion of the external auditor.
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

11. Health and Wellbeing – No new implications.

COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

12. The Statement of Accounts will be subject to consideration by the Audit and Governance Committee and published onto the Council's website.