

**27 July 2016**

**Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

**Audit Results Report 2015/16**

**Report of:** *Ernst & Young*

**Wards Affected:** *N/A*

**This report is:** *Public*

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report presents the Committee with the draft findings of the External Auditors in respect of the audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.

**2. Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 **That the draft Audit Results Report 2015/16 at Appendix A is agreed.**
- 2.2 **That the draft Letter of Representation in Appendix A (Appendix G of the Audit Results Report 2015/16) is agreed.**

**3. Introduction and Background**

- 3.1 The Council's External Auditors; Ernst & Young have substantially completed their audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16. Their findings to date are included within the draft Audit Results Report attached as Appendix A.
- 3.2 Members are asked to review the draft Audit Results Report and Letter of Representation, contained within the report, and agree its contents.

**4. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 4.1 A system of sound financial control and governance arrangements underpins all of the services and priorities of the Council.

## **5. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

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5.1 The financial implications are considered in the report at Appendix A.

### **Legal Implications**

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5.2 All relevant legal considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report.

## **6. Appendices to this report**

Appendix A – Audit Results Report

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