

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**KPMG - EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the External Auditors' Audit Plan for their 2013/14 Audit.

Information and Advice

2. The attached report from KPMG sets out the proposed Audit Plan for the 2013/14 audit, including their approach, fees, key staff and timelines for the audit. The report is presented to Members for their information. The Audit Director (KPMG), Neil Bellamy, and Richard Walton, the Audit Manager (KPMG), will be in attendance at the meeting to introduce the report and respond to Member's questions.

Statutory and Policy Implications

3. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

4. That Members receive, and comment upon, the External Auditor's Audit Plan for 2013/14.

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Constitutional Comments

5. Because this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments

6. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All