



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Report to Audit Committee

30 November 2011

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE

AUDIT COMMISSION – PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the progress made by the External Auditors on their 2011/12 Audit.

Information and Advice

2. The attached Audit Commission report details the progress made to date and is presented to Members for their information. Ian Sadd, the District Auditor, and Mike Norman, the Audit Manager of the Audit Commission will attend the meeting to introduce the report and respond to Members' 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

4. That Members receive, and comment upon, the External Auditor's Progress Report.

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Service Director (Finance)

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments (PM 09/11/11)

6. Changes to the Council's core financial systems during the year will require specific audit work but at this stage it is expected to be contained within the scale fee. The Committee will be advised if this is not possible.
7. The Audit Commission proposes reducing audit fees by 10 per cent for 2012/13 and will publish the final scales of fees in April 2012. This could save the Council in the region of £22,000.

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