

## **X. AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2015/16**

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Wards Affected: All  
Key Decision: No  
Report to: Audit Committee  
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. This report introduces the auditors' 'Audit Results Report' and provides some context for Members' consideration.

### **Summary**

2. The auditors have given the accounts an unqualified opinion and offered a positive statement on the Council's Value for Money and financial preparedness.

### **Recommendations**

3. **That the report be received.**
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### **Background**

4. The Audit Results Report (attached) gives the Council the auditor's opinion on both the financial statements and the arrangements to secure Value for Money. It is the key document arising from the annual audit and is to be read by 'those charged with governance' as well as being a public document for all stakeholders.
5. The opinion from the audit of the financial statements is unqualified. This is a very positive statement and shows that the statements offer a true and fair view of the authority's financial position for 2015/16.
6. At the time of writing, there are some aspects of the audit that are unfinished. These are not expected to yield any surprises however, but will be reported upon at the meeting.
7. The External Auditor will attend the meeting to present his report and answer Member's questions.

### **Policy Context**

8. Receiving the report enables the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations.

### **Other Options Considered**

9. None.

### **Financial Implications**

10. This report has no financial implications.

**Risk Management Implications**

11. None.

**Equality and Customer Service Implications**

12. This report has no such implications.

**Other Material Implications**

13. This report has no such implications.

**Background Papers**

None.