

TITLE OF REPORT: External Auditor: Audit Progress Report

REPORT OF: Darren Collins, Strategic Director, Corporate Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 This report requests that the Committee note the external auditor's progress against planned work.

Background

- 2 The report summarises the following:
 - Accounts workshop for officers.
 - North East Governance Forum.
 - Changes impacting on the Statement of Accounts; Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
 - National publications and other updates.
- 3 The external auditor's report is attached at Appendix A.

Recommendation

- 4 The Committee is requested to note the contents of the external auditor's report.

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