

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Title of report	<b>REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE 2014/15</b>
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Purpose of report	To consider the External Auditor's Report to Those Charged With Governance for 2014-15.
Reason for Decision	In order to approve the Letter of Representation in relation to the 2014-15 Statement of Accounts.
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	No direct implications.
Link to relevant CAT	None
Risk Management	The Council's governance arrangements are a fundamental part of the Authority's management of risk and contribute towards good corporate governance.
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not applicable
Human Rights	None identified.
Transformational Government	No direct implications.
Consultees	None
Background papers	None
Recommendations	<p><b>THAT THE COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p><b>(A) NOTES THE CONTENTS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT ATTACHED AT APPENDIX A.</b></p> <p><b>(B) APPROVES THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION ATTACHED AT APPENDIX B.</b></p> <p><b>(C) NOTES THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMENTS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 TO THEIR REPORT.</b></p>

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The annual accounts of the authority are audited in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and, as part of that process; the External Auditor (KPMG) produces an Annual Report to Those Charged With Governance which is attached. The Director from KPMG will present his report to the Committee.
- 1.2 The Report states that the auditors will issue an unqualified audit report and that there are no important weaknesses in internal control. It also confirms that there are proper arrangements to secure value for money.
- 1.3 There are three audit recommendations and these are set out in Appendix 1 to the auditor's report along with the formal Management Responses. Whilst none of the recommendations have been rated Priority 1 by the auditors and do not require immediate action, they will be addressed in time for the production of the 2015/16 Accounts.