

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 6 DECEMBER 2017**

Title of report	ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2016/17
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Purpose of report	To report the receipt of the Annual Audit Letter.
Reason for Decision	To receive a report from the External Auditor.
Council Priorities	Value for Money.
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	None.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	Not required.
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required.
Human Rights	None identified.
Transformational Government	Not applicable.
Consultees	None
Background papers	None.
Recommendations	THAT THE 2016/17 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER BE NOTED

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Our External Auditor, KPMG, was responsible for the external audit of the Council's financial statements and Value for Money arrangements for 2016/17.
- 1.2 The External Auditor has already reported the findings of the audit and issued an unqualified audit opinion on the 2016/17 Financial Statements and confirmed that the Council's arrangements for providing Value for Money are satisfactory.
- 1.3 KPMG have provided the Annual Audit letter for consideration by the Committee. The letter provides a summary of the audit work undertaken for the 2016/17 year.
- 1.4 The report also details the fees for undertaking the annual audit for 2016/17 which was £51,869 against the planned fee of £50,522. The additional costs totalling £1,347 were incurred as a result of inadequate supporting working papers and errors identified in the Expenditure and Funding Analysis statement and revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment. Work is currently underway to ensure that these issues are rectified and not repeated in the audit of 2017/18 which will take place in June 2018.
- 1.5 The Annual Audit Letter is contained within Appendix A.