

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 21 MARCH 2018

Title of report	EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017/18
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Purpose of report	To approve the External Audit Plan for 2017/18
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	As detailed in the attached report.
Link to relevant CAT	None
Risk Management	The External Audit is an essential part of the Council's arrangements for compliance with laws and regulations, as well as maintaining good Value for Money.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not applicable
Human Rights	No direct implications.
Transformational Government	No direct implications.
Consultees	None
Background papers	None
Recommendations	THAT THE COMMITTEE NOTE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2017/18

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Our External Auditor, KPMG have provided the Audit Plan for the forthcoming audit of the Council's accounts, as attached and presented for approval by this Committee (Appendix A).
- 1.2 The Audit Plan focuses around two key objectives: the financial statements – providing an opinion on the accounts, including the Annual Governance Statement and narrative report; and use of resources – a conclusion on the arrangements in place for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Audit focus around specific financial statement and value for money risks are detailed within the Audit Plan.
- 1.3 The fees for undertaking the 2017/18 audit work (as detailed in the audit plan) is £50,522, compared to the fee for 2016/17 of £51,869.
- 1.4 Representatives of the Council's External Auditors, KPMG will attend the meeting to answer the Committee's questions.