

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 23 MARCH 2016**

Title of report	<b>EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2015-16 &amp; ANNUAL REPORT ON GRANTS AND CLAIMS 2014/15</b>
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Purpose of report	To approve the External Audit Plan for 2015-16 & Note the Annual Report on grants and claims 2014/15
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	No direct implications.
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	<b>THE AUDIT &amp; GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2015-16 AND NOTE THE ANNUAL REPORT ON GRANTS AND CLAIMS 2014/15</b>

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The 2015/16 Financial Year is drawing to a close. Each year the External Auditor provides the Audit Plan for the forthcoming audit of the Council's accounts. This is presented at Appendix A for approval by this Committee. Representatives of the Council's External Auditors, KPMG will attend the meeting to answer the Committee's questions.
- 1.2 The Council's grants and claims are audited on an annual basis. External Auditors completed the Audit by 30 Nov 15. The Annual report at Appendix B summarises the findings and recommendations of this Audit.