

# **REPORT FOR: Pension Fund Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Subject:** External Audit Plan 2012-13

**Responsible Officer:** Simon George, Director of Finance and Assurance

**Exempt:** No.

**Enclosures:** .Deloitte's Audit Plan

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

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Deloitte will undertake an audit of the pension fund's financial statements. Attached is their audit plan. There are no significant changes from the prior year. The plan has been presented to GARM Committee.

### **Recommendation:**

The Panel is invited to note the audit plan.

## **Section 2 – Report**

1. The pension fund is required to prepare financial statements for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. These will be audited by Deloitte, whose audit plan is attached.
2. The plan has no significant changes from the prior year. The key audit risks are identified as contributions, benefits, private equity, derivatives and management overriding controls. Materiality is set at £4.8 million (prior years £5.3 million) although all unadjusted errors above £242,000 (PY £260,000) will be reported.
3. The audit fee is substantially reduced to £21,000 (PY £35,000) arising from changes to the way the Audit Commission is funded. Deloitte's remuneration is unchanged. The partner and senior manager continue from 2012.
4. The plan has been presented to GARM Committee at which no significant comments arose.
5. It is anticipated that the accounts will be completed by end of June 2013 and the audit report issued in August. Both will be presented to the Committee at the September meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

6. None.

### **Risk Management Implications**

7. Risk included on Directorate risk register? No
8. Separate risk register in place? No
9. Setting risk tolerances and measuring outcomes is central to the strategy.

### **Equalities implications**

10. Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes
11. There are no direct equalities implications relating to the pension fund.

### **Corporate Priorities**

12. Corporate Priorities are not applicable to the Pension Fund as it does not have a direct impact on Council resources.

### **Legal Implications**

13. The report has been reviewed by Legal Department and comments received are incorporated into the report.

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Simon George



Chief Financial Officer

Date: 10 June 2013

Name: Matthew Adams



Monitoring Officer

Date: 10 June 2013

### **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** None.

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	N/A
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A