

REPORT FOR:**Governance, Audit and Risk
Management Committee (GARM)****Date:**

2 April 2014

Subject:**INFORMATION REPORT**
Audit Plan 2013-14**Responsible Officer:**

Simon George, Director of Finance & Assurance

Exempt:

No

Enclosures:Appendix 1 – Audit Plan 2013-14
Appendix 2 – Pension Fund Annual Report Audit
Plan 2013-14
Appendix 3 – Audit Report on Grant Certification
2012-13**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This Report provides the Committee with the opportunity to see the Accounts Audit Opinion Plan 2013-14 and the Pension Fund Annual Report Audit Plan 2013-14.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note:

1. The 2013-14 Accounts Audit Opinion Plan and Pension Fund Annual Report Audit Plan; and
2. The Grants Certification Report for 2012-13.

To keep the Committee informed of planned work.

Section 2 – Report

Audit Plan for 2013-14

1. The Accounts Opinion Audit Plan provides the Council with clarity about how the external audit of the accounts for 2013-14 will be conducted and highlights the key audit risks. It is an extremely useful document, as it will help the Council to plan and prioritise its work on the accounts. It also gives the Committee early sight of the issues that will be pertinent.
2. The Committee is asked to consider the plan and in particular the key audit risks. The External Auditor has already carried out some preparatory work for the audit of the 2013-14 accounts, and the Council is working to address the key audit risks.

Grant Certification 2012-13

3. The Report on Grant Certifications in relation to 2012-13 is attached as appendix 3 to this report. Four grant claims and returns were certified for 2012-13 of which one resulted in a qualified opinion.

Section 3 - Financial Implications

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Section 4 - Equalities Implications

5. There are no equalities implications.

Section 5 - Corporate Priorities

6. The Statement of Accounts provides assurance that the Council has managed and delivered its finances in accordance with its approved plans and budget.

Section 6 – Statutory clearance

Name: Simon George



Chief Financial Officer

Date: 17th March 2014

Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None