

REPORT FOR: Pension Board

Date of Meeting: 7 March 2017

Subject: Information Report – External Audit Plan 2016-17

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix: External Audit Plan 2016/17 - KPMG

Section 1 – Summary

The report advises the Board of the external audit plan for 2016-17 as presented by KPMG to Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee on 31 January 2017.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

1. The Council has received the External Audit Plan 2016/17 as prepared by KPMG and presented to Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee on 31 January 2017. The Plan, which includes the audit of the Pension Fund, is attached as the appendix to this report.
2. Broadly, the Plan covers:
 - Headlines
 - Introduction
 - Financial statements audit planning
 - Value for money arrangements work
 - Other matters
3. In addition to the overall audit of the Pension Fund the auditors have made the following specific points:
 - Materiality - £10m (page 2 of Plan)
 - Uncorrected omissions or misstatements to be reported by the Auditor - £500,000 (page 2 of Plan)
 - Significant risk – Pension liability including assumptions and having regard to the potential for significant changes arising from the LGPS Triennial Valuation (pages 2 and 5 of Plan)
 - Significant risk – Valuation of pension fund assets (pages 2 and 6 of Plan)
 - Other areas of audit focus – Calculation of benefits (pages 2 and 7 of Plan)

Financial Implications

4. Whilst, clearly, the annual audit concentrates largely on the financial state of the Pension Fund there are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Risk Management Implications

5. The Pension Fund has its own risk register which includes all the risks identified. The annual audit assists in the management of the risks but no implications arise directly from this report.

Equalities implications

6. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Council Priorities

7. Whilst the financial health of the Pension Fund directly affects the level of employer contribution which, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities there are no impacts arising directly from this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name Dawn Calvert



Director of Finance

Date: 13 February 2017

Ward Councillors notified:

NO

Section 4 - Contact Details

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Background Papers - None