

Audit Committee

28 November 2016

Annual Audit Letter 2015/2016



Report of the External Auditor

Purpose of the Report

1. The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the attached External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter for Durham County Council and the Pension Fund for 2015/2016.

Summary

2. The Audit Letter (attached at Appendix 2) provides a summary of the work and findings of the External Auditor in the 2015/2016 audit period and summarises many of the points raised in the Audit Completion Reports presented to Audit Committee on 30 September 2016.
3. The report sets out:
 - Overall messages from the audit work that has been completed.
 - The challenges and areas of focus in the future.
 - Illustrates the fees for the work completed.

Recommendation

4. Members are requested to note the comments and fees illustrated within the annual audit letter and report (at Appendix 2).

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

No direct implications as a result of this report.

Staffing

None

Risk

None

Equality and Diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and disorder

None.

Human rights

None

Consultation

None

Procurement

None

Disability Discrimination Act

None

Legal Implications

Statutory approval of the statement of accounts.