**AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2017**

**PART I – DELEGATED**

**11. EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/2017 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE BRIEFING**

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1. **Summary**

1.1 This report allows the Committee to note and ask questions of the external auditor (Ernst & Young) concerning their two reports covering;

* Audit Plan 2016/17
* Local Government Audit Committee

2. **Details**

2.1 Attached as appendices are two reports presented from EY as follows:-

* Appendix 1 – Audit Plan 2016/17.
* Appendix 2 – Local Government Audit Committee Briefing.

3. **Options/Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 The recommendation allows members to note the contents of the two reports above.

4. **Policy/Budget Implications**

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council’s agreed policy and budgets.

5. **Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Website and Customer Services Centre Implications**

5.1 None specific.

6. **Risk Management Implications**

6.1 There are no risks associated with the decision Members are being asked to make, i.e. to note this report.

7. **Recommendation**

7.1 That Members note the contents of the two reports attached.

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 **Background Papers**

 None.

 **APPENDICES**

 Appendix 1 – External Audit Plan.

Appendix 2 - Local government audit committee briefing.