

## Full Council

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 November 2016</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>External Audit</b>
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### Purpose of Report

1. To receive the External Auditor's Report for 2015-16 and review the Issues Arising Report.

### Background

2. BDO Stoy Hayward has completed the audit for the year ending 31 March 2016 and a copy of the audit certificate and report is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
3. The report notes that the information submitted within the Council's Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
4. There was a minor issued raised as detailed in the Issues Arising Report attached as Appendix 2 which does not affect BDO's opinion regarding the Annual Return.
  - a) DCK Beavers Ltd on behalf of the Council prepares FRSSE accounts as part of the end of year accounts that are submitted to BDO along with the Annual Return documentation, to provide additional clarity for both the auditor and the public. It is clearly stated that these FRSSE accounts are unaudited.
  - b) BDO has requested that in future their name is removed from the FRSSE accounts as they do not formally audit these accounts, or that it is made clearer that BDO are the auditors of the Council's Annual return only.
  - c) It has been agreed with DCK Beavers Ltd that relevant changes to the presentation of the FRSSE accounts will be made next year, to avoid a repetition of this minor issue.

### Recommendation that:

- i) The External Auditor's Certificate and Report 2015-16 be received.*
- ii) The External Auditor's Issues Arising Report be reviewed and the proposed action noted.*