

Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Ernst and Young Presentation of Annual Audit Letter 2015-2016	
Report No:	PAS/FH/16/029	
Report to and date:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	24 November 2016
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Purpose of report:	To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2015/16 financial statements by Ernst and Young.	
Recommendation:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Members are asked to <u>note</u> the report and Appendix 1.	
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation:	• N/A	
Alternative option(s):	• N/A	
Implications:		

Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report and appendix include the final scale fee in respect of the 2015/16 audit of the accounts. 	
Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
None			
Ward(s) affected:		N/A	
Background papers:		None	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 – Annual Audit Letter (year ending 31 March 2016)	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Summary and reasons for recommendation

- 1.1.1 To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2015/16 financial statements by Ernst and Young (EY), our external auditors, as detailed in their Annual Audit Letter for 2015/16, attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.1.2 The letter is for information, and confirms the completion of the audit of the 2015/16 financial statements.
- 1.1.3 No significant issues were noted by EY and, therefore, the planned audit fee of £47,059 for the year remains unchanged other than a small additional fee relating to some work on the Council's proposed Minimum Revenue Provision policy. This work was requested by management and the fee of £1,431 has been agreed by the S151 Officer. Work on the certification of claims and returns has not yet commenced and the results of this work, along with the final fee, will be reported in the Annual Certification Report.