

# Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Ernst and Young Presentation of Annual Audit Letter 2016/17</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>PAS/SE/17/032</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee</b>	29 November 2017
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2016/17 financial statements by Ernst and Young.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee:</b>  Members are asked to <b><u>note</u></b> the report and Appendix 1.	
<b>Key Decision:</b>  (Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b><u>do not</u></b> apply.)	Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition? Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	

<b>Alternative option(s):</b>		• N/A	
<b>Implications:</b>			
Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> • The report and appendix include the final scale fee in respect of the 2016/17 audit of the accounts.	
Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
<b>Risk area</b>	<b>Inherent level of risk</b> (before controls)	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Residual risk</b> (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
None			
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>		N/A	
<b>Background papers:</b> <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		None	
<b>Documents attached:</b>		<b>Appendix 1</b> – Annual Audit Letter (year ending 31 March 2017)	

## **1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation(s)**

### **1.1 Summary and reasons for recommendation**

- 1.1.1 To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2016/17 financial statements by Ernst & Young (EY), our external auditors, as detailed in their Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2017, attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.1.2 The letter is for information, and confirms the completion of the audit of the 2016/17 financial statements.
- 1.1.3 No significant issues were noted by EY and, therefore, the planned audit fee of £43,767 for the year remains unchanged. Work on the certification of claims and returns is due for completion in November 2017 and the results of this work, along with the final fee, will be reported in the Annual Certification Report.