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**Meeting:** Audit Committee  
**Date:** 7 January 2013  
**Subject:** 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter  
**Report of:** Charles Warboys – Chief Finance Officer  
**Summary:** The report presents the 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter for Central Bedfordshire Council. The document is attached at Appendix A to the report.

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**Advising Officer:** Charles Warboys – Chief Finance Officer  
**Contact Officer:** Ralph Gould – Head of Financial Control  
**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

<b>CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS</b>
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<b>Council Priorities:</b>
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Not Applicable.

<b>Financial:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Annual Audit Letter summarises the 2011/12 audit of Central Bedfordshire Council by the Audit Commission, following approval of the more detailed Annual Governance Report at Audit Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012.</li></ol> |
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<b>Legal:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 state that the authority is required to consider and publish the Annual Audit Letter.</li></ol> |
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<b>Risk Management:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Not Applicable.</li></ol> |
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<b>Staffing (including Trades Unions):</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Not Applicable.</li></ol> |
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<b>Equalities/Human Rights:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Not Applicable.</li></ol> |
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**Public Health**

6. Not Applicable.

**Community Safety:**

7. Not Applicable.

**Sustainability:**

8. Not Applicable.

**Procurement:**

9. Not Applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Committee is asked to consider the 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter and approve its publication on the Council's website.**

**Background**

10. The 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter issued by the Audit Commission summarises audit findings detailed within the Annual Governance Report, approved by Audit Committee on 24th September 2012.
11. The Annual Audit Letter was circulated to Members on 10th October 2012 and is attached at Appendix A.

**Annual Audit Letter 2011/12**

12. As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011, the Annual Audit Letter is to be separately considered by Audit Committee. The key points within the letter have been considered previously as part of the Annual Governance Report and the letter has been circulated to Members.
13. The Letter was issued by the Audit Commission, who are no longer the Council's appointed auditors and as result the Letter is presented by the Chief Finance Officer. The Council's newly appointed auditors are Ernst & Young LLP.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

**Background Papers:** (open to public inspection) None