

EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Report of Ernst & Young LLP

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Purpose of this report

The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the stage reached by Ernst and Young LLP in carrying out the Council's 2013/14 audit. The report sets out the work undertaken by Ernst & Young since its last progress report to the Committee in June 2014.

The report also includes a sector briefing which covers issues which may have an impact on the Council, the local government sector and the audits which Ernst & Young undertakes.