



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Report To Those Charged With
Governance
International Standard of Auditing
(ISA) 260

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Policy context:

Audit Committee responsible for
approving accounts.

Financial summary:

There are no direct financial implications to
the report.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for

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People will be safe, in their homes and in the community

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Residents will be proud to live in Havering

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SUMMARY

The draft ISA 260 report from the external auditor Ernst and Young will be presented as Appendix A and discussed by the auditors at the meeting. It will summarise their findings from the 2015/16 audit to date. It will set out key issues that will be considered by the auditors when considering their opinion, conclusion and certificate. Officers' responses will be included in the ISA 260 report.

The draft of the Letter of Representation will be included as appendix B.

At this stage the auditors expect to issue an unqualified opinion on the financial statements by the 30th September 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the Report to Those Charged with Governance (ISA260) and the draft Letter of Representation and consider any issues raised by the external auditor.

REPORT DETAIL

Regulation 11 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the publication of the Statement of Accounts after the conclusion of the audit, but in any event no later than the 31st July. Transitory provisions (regulation 21) amend this to 30th September for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 accounts.

The draft report from the external auditor, Appendix A, summarises their findings from the 2015/16 audit to date. It sets out key findings that will be considered by the auditors when considering their opinion, conclusion and certificate.

The Committee is also asked to consider the draft Management letter, Appendix B, setting out the assurances required of the Chief Executive by the auditors.

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Financial Implications and Risks:

There are no financial implications or risks arising directly from this report. Any financial consequences arising from the outcome of the audit of accounts and recommendations set out by the external auditor will be addressed as part of the Council's response.

Legal Implications and risks:

On the basis that there are no specific issues raised by the external auditor, there are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

None arising directly

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and risks:

None arising directly

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Working papers held within the Corporate Finance section.

Draft statement of Accounts 2015/16

Appendix A

**Report to the Audit Committee of the authority on the
audit of the statement of accounts and pension fund
accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (ISA (UK&I))
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Appendix B

Representation letter – audit of the London Borough of Havering’s (“the Authority”) Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016