

AUDIT COMMITTEE
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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**

Communities making Havering	[X]
Places making Havering	[X]
Opportunities making Havering	[X]
Connections making Havering	[X]

SUMMARY

The draft ISA 260 report from the external auditor Ernst and Young will be included as Appendix A and presented by the auditors at the meeting. It will summarise their findings from the 2016/17 audit to date. The ISA 260 report will set out key issues that have been 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 2017.

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 at Appendix A summarises their findings from the 2016/17 audit to date. It sets out key findings that were considered by the auditors when considering their opinion, conclusion and certificate.

The Committee is also asked to consider the draft Letter of Representation, Appendix B, setting out the assurances required of the Chief Financial Officer by the auditors.

At this stage the auditors expect to issue an unqualified opinion on the financial statements by the 30th September 2017.

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 2016/17

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 2017 (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 2017