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Report to:	Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	10th December 2015
Report of:	Chief Finance Officer
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EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The attached report summarises the progress on external audit work during 2015-16 and provides information on the planning for the audit of the 2015-16 accounts.
- 1.2 A technical update is also included.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the progress and consider the technical update suggestions included within the report at **Appendix A**.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Good Governance.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 The Audit of the 2014-15 accounts has been completed in full and work is about to start on the audit for the 2015-16 statements.
- 4.2 Technical updates have been included within the attached report and these include recommendations for the joint Audit & Scrutiny Panel to consider.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 None as a direct result of this report.

8. Risk Management

8.1 Members may wish to request an update report in respect of the technical updates for assurance purposes that the appropriate action is being taken.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 None as a direct result of this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 None as a direct result of this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 Not Applicable.

12. Appendices

A 2014/15 External Audit Progress report and technical update.