

<b>For Decision</b>	
<b>Public/Non Public*</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chief Finance Officer</b>
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## **EXTERNAL AUDIT – Progress Report and Fees 2015-16**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To inform members of the progress made in relation to the External Audit work plan and the proposed fees for 2015-16.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the progress report attached at **Appendix A** and approve the fees as detailed within the letters also attached at **Appendix A**.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 This complies with good governance.

### **4. Summary of Key Points**

- 4.1 The External Auditors have reported on their initial review of the financial systems and their planned audit work during 2015-16.
- 4.2 The fee letters also attached show the commitment to further reductions in the external audit fees as negotiated and the impact of that reduction in relation to the Chief Constables accounts and the accounts of the group.

### **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 The reduction in fees has been taken into account in the budget of the OPCC.

### **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 None as a direct result of this report.

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

9.1 The work of the External Auditors indirectly supports all of the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

10.1 None

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

11.1 Not applicable.

## **12. Appendices**

A – External Audit Progress Report and fee letters