

REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING:	5th NOVEMBER 2015	CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE and CORPORATE SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	THE ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Annual Audit Letter for 2014/15 is considered and approved.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 For Grant Thornton, as the Council's appointed auditors, to present their Annual Audit Letter for 2014/15.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the key issues arising from the work that the External Auditor's have undertaken at the Council during 2014/15. The Letter is designed to communicate key messages to the Council and external stakeholders, including members of the public. The letter is published on both the Audit Commission and Council websites.

3.2 The Letter covers key messages and conclusions from work on:-

- Auditing the 2014/15 Accounts and Financial Statements.
- The accuracy of grant claims and returns to various government departments and other agencies.
- Assessing the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness to ensure that Value for Money (VFM) is achieved.

3.3 This covers various aspects of the Council's financial performance and position, its financial systems and other project based work undertaken in the year. The detailed report is attached and will be presented to the Council by the External Auditor.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None directly.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None directly.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None directly.

7.0 Background Papers

None