

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Audit, Governance and Standards Committee
30 January 2013

From: Director of Resources

Subject: **STATUTORY AUDITOR – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

All Wards

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Council's statutory auditor, Deloitte, to give an update to the Committee on its activities to date.

1.2 At its meeting on 25 June 2008, the Committee considered a report regarding future reports that the Committee wished to be considered on a regular basis. One such report was to consider an update from the Council's auditor on their work at the Council. The Committee accepted that the report could be either written or verbal format, depending upon circumstances. Attached as Annex 1 is a written update and a representative from Deloitte will be in attendance at the meeting to go over the report. It will also provide an opportunity for Members to question the auditor.

2.0 DECISIONS SOUGHT:

2.1 Members are asked to consider the statutory auditor's report and note their comments.

3.0 RISK MANAGEMENT:

3.1 There are no risks associated with approving the recommendation.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

4.1 It is recommended that Members note the auditor from the quarterly update.

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Background papers: None

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Hambleton District Council

External Audit Progress Report

January 2013

Summary of activity

We are pleased to present our progress report to the Audit and Governance Committee. This summarises the activities that we have completed since our report in September 2012.

Summary of activities

Audit completion

The audit and VFM opinions were signed on 28 September 2012.

Whole of Government Accounts

For 2011/12, a de minimus was applied and we verified the Council's pension liability on 28 September 2012 in line with this year's requirements.

Certification of claims and returns

All claims and returns have now been certified and submitted. Our annual report on this work is presented separately.

Annual data return for grant claims and returns on EDC

We have completed an online data return in January which discloses all the claims and returns made by the Council and certified by us in 2011/12.

Annual audit letter

We submitted our annual audit letter on 12 October 2012.

2012/13 fee letter

We submitted our fee letter for 2012/13 on 16 November 2012 which confirmed a decrease of 40% compared to 2011/12.

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