

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Audit, Governance and Standards Committee  
29 January 2014

**From:** Director of Resources

**Subject:** **STATUTORY AUDITOR – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

All Wards

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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 2014

# Summary of activity

We are pleased to present our progress report to the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. This summarises the activities that we have completed since our report in October 2013.

## Summary of activities

### **Annual Audit letter**

Our Annual Audit Letter detailing our activities for the year was issued on 31 October 2013.

### **Certification of Claims and Returns**

All claims and returns have now been completed and submitted following the submission of the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy Claim in advance of the 30<sup>th</sup> November deadline.

## Other matters

Our Annual Report on the certification of claims and returns is currently being completed.

We have completed the Financial Ratio Tool Survey for submission to the Audit Commission in early January.

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