



## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>External Audit Update</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

<b>Audit Committee Meeting Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
<b>Policy Document:</b>	No
<b>Directorate:</b>	Finance and Support
<b>Accountable Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Alan Bottwood

### 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 To provide a verbal update on the progress of external audit plans relating to the 2010/11 audit.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 To note the progress of external audit plans as presented to the Committee by the Council's external auditors.

### 3. Issues and Choices

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#### 3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission, audit the Statement of Accounts and major grant claim and returns.

#### 3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission have recently started their audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2010/11. The external auditors will provide the Audit Committee with a verbal update on progress.

#### 3.3 Choices (Options)

- 3.3.1 To comment on the reports and to question the Council's external auditors on any matters arising.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 None.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 There are no specific resources and risk implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

4.5.1 None.

### **4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes**

4.6.1 Protecting and enhancing the reputation of Northampton Borough Council.

### **4.7 Other Implications**

4.7.1 Not applicable

## **5. Background Papers**

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None

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