

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Iain Leviston, Manager, KPMG
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	30 June 2016

## KPMG TECHNICAL UPDATE

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider KPMG's report providing an overview on progress in delivering its responsibilities as the external auditors. The report also highlights the main technical issues that are currently having an impact in local government.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the report and raise any questions and make any recommendations as considered appropriate.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To enable the Committee to consider an overview of KPMG's progress in delivering its responsibilities as the external auditors and the main technical issues that are currently having an impact in local government.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

### 4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are

"The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

"Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 This report builds on the Global Audit campaign 'Value of Audit: Shaping the future of Corporate Reporting', to look more closely at the issue of public trust in national governments and how the audit profession needs to adapt to rebuild this trust. The objective is to articulate a clear opinion on the challenges and concepts critical to the value of audit in government today and in the future and how governments must respond in order to succeed.

5.2 Through interviews with KPMG partners from nine countries as well as some senior government audit clients from Canada, the Netherlands and the US, a number of challenges and concepts have been identified that are critical to the value of audit in government today and in the future.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## **5.4 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 6a: Technical update

## **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

## **7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None

## **9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 See attached report.

## **10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

## **11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 See attached report.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None