

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Iain Leviston, Manager, KPMG
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	16 November 2017

## ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2016/2017

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Annual Audit Letter 2016/2017.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the report, asking relevant questions and making any recommendations that are considered appropriate.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable the Committee to consider the key findings from the External Auditor's 2016/2017 audit of the Council and to make appropriate recommendations.

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:

To not receive the report, but this would prevent the Committee from effective monitoring of the External Auditor's key findings from the 2016/2017 audit of the Council.

### 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 The External Auditor’s Annual Audit Letter summarises the key issues arising from the 2016/2017 audit of Blackpool Council. The document is addressed to the Council but it is intended that it is used to communicate issues to external stakeholders, including members of the public. The letter is used to highlight areas of good performance and also areas where further work is required to achieve best practice.

5.2 The Annual Audit letter is attached at Appendix 7(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:**

Appendix 7(a): Annual Audit Letter 2016/2017.

**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 None

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None