Report to:	**AUDIT COMMITTEE**
Relevant Officer:	Iain Leviston, Manager, KPMG
Date of Meeting	22 October 2015

ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2013/14

1.0   Purpose of the report:

1.1   To consider the Annual Audit Letter 2014/15.

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 2014/15 audit of the Council and to make appropriate recommendations.

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

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

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 2014/15 audit of the Council.

4.0   Council Priority:

4.1   The relevant Council Priority is:
       - Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

5.0   Background Information

5.1   The External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter summarises the key issues arising from the 2014/15 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 4(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?   No

List of Appendices:
Appendix 4 (a): Annual Audit Letter 2014/15.

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