

Report of the External Auditor to the meeting of Governance and Audit Committee to be held on 26 June 2015.

Subject:

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External audit progress report for the 2014/15 audits of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Summary statement:

The report updates the Governance and Audit Committee on progress with the 2014/15 audits and highlights key emerging national issues which may be of interest to the Committee.

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1. SUMMARY

We have completed our planning and risk assessment for both the 2014/15 audits of City of Bradford MDC and West Yorkshire Pension Fund.

We will start the next phase of our audits on receipt of the financial statements at the end of June.

Our progress report sets out arrangements for certification of the housing benefit subsidy claim for 2014/15 and advises the Committee of proposed audit fees for 2015/16 as set by the Audit Commission before its closure.

We have also highlighted two matters which may be of governance interest.

2. BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

4. OPTIONS

Not applicable.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Not applicable.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Not applicable.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Not applicable.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Not applicable.

8.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance and Audit Committee considers the external audit progress report.

11. APPENDICES

External audit progress report

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.