

The Audit Plan for High Peak Borough Council

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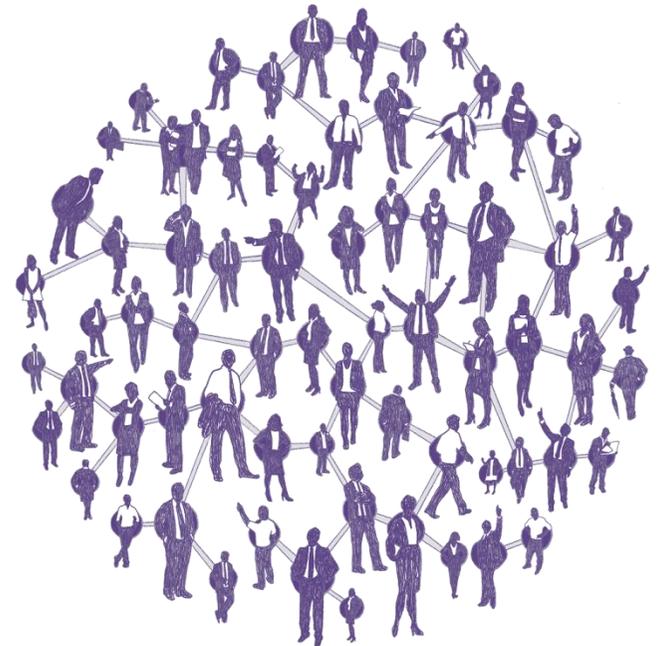
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Dear Members of the Audit and Regulatory Committee

Audit Plan for High Peak Borough Council for the year ending 31 March 2017

This Audit Plan sets out for the benefit of those charged with governance (in the case of High Peak Borough Council, the Audit and Regulatory Committee), an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit, as required by International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) 260. This document is to help you understand the consequences of our work, discuss issues of risk and the concept of materiality with us, and identify any areas where you may request us to undertake additional procedures. It also helps us gain a better understanding of the Council and your environment. The contents of the Plan have been discussed with management.

We are required to perform our audit in line with Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and in accordance with the Code of Practice issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General in April 2015. Our responsibilities under the Code are to:

- give an opinion on the Council's financial statements
- satisfy ourselves the Council has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

As auditors we are responsible for performing the audit, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland), which is directed towards forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of those charged with governance. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

The contents of this report relate only to the matters which have come to our attention, which we believe need to be reported to you as part of our audit planning process. It is not a comprehensive record of all the relevant matters, which may be subject to change. In particular we cannot be held responsible to you for reporting all of the risks which may affect the Council or all weaknesses in your internal controls. This report has been prepared solely for your benefit. We do not accept any responsibility for any loss occasioned to any third party acting, or refraining from acting on the basis of the content of this report, as this report was not prepared for, nor intended for, any other purpose.

We look forward to working with you during the course of the audit.

Yours sincerely

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Understanding your business and key developments

Key Challenges

Autumn Statement

The Council is working through the implications of the Chancellor's announcements in the Autumn Statement, and to examine how the impact of the reduction in central government support may be mitigated by:

- retained business rates through economic growth
- maintaining the level of new homes bonus through a commitment to housing growth; and
- reviewing fees and charges and identifying new sources of income generation
- an annual 1.9% increase in council tax.

Efficiency and Rationalisation programme

The Council's MTFP includes a three year efficiency and rationalisation strategy with budgeted savings of £2.8m in the three years to 2016/17.

A new Efficiency Plan is being set as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process.

In order to balance the general fund budgets for 2017/18 through to 2020/21, there was (at the time of the update to the MTFP in November 2016) a new savings requirement of £1.762m and a further saving requirement of £3.569m over the four years for the HRA.

Housing

Previous Government announcements in regard to an annual 1% rent reduction from April 2016 for 4 years, have a significant impact on the financial resilience of the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

The Council is continuing to complete and implement a Housing Management and Revenue Plan and to review all the current assumptions in the HRA Business Plan. The results of the full stock condition survey will inform the 2018/19 budget setting process but in the meantime the Council is focusing on where measures can be taken to support the longer term financial position.

Key performance indicators

Measure	Value
Outturn forecast at quarter 2	215,100 overspend
Efficiency programme of £1,655,690	445,000 shortfall
Housing revenue account forecast at quarter 2	349,260 surplus

Financial reporting changes

CIPFA Code of Practice 2016/17 (the Code)

Changes to the Code in 2016/17 reflect aims of the 'Telling the Story' project, to streamline the financial statements to be more in line with internal organisational reporting and improve accessibility to the reader of the financial statements.

The changes affect the presentation of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the Movement in Reserves Statements, segmental reporting disclosures and a new Expenditure and Funding Analysis note has been introduced. The Code also requires these amendments to be reflected in the 2015/16 comparatives by way of a prior period adjustment.

Earlier closedown

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require councils to bring forward the approval and audit of financial statements to 31 July by the 2017/2018 financial year.

You are planning to prepare your draft accounts for 2016/17 to the earlier timescale and we propose to carry out our audit work by the end of July.

You are considering how the timing of your Audit and Regulatory Committee meetings need to be changed to reflect these future arrangements.

Our response

- We will discuss with you your progress in preparing for an earlier closedown and audit by 31 July, and share any good practice or areas of improvement.
- As part of our interim audit we will consider your progress in preparing the adjustments to the prior year comparative figures and then (as part of our opinion on your financial statement)s, in whether your financial statements accurately reflect the financial reporting changes in the 2016/17 Code.
- We will keep you informed of changes to the financial reporting requirements for 2016/17 through on-going discussions and invitations to our technical update workshops.
- We will review the Council's progress in updating its MTFP, preparing its annual budget for 2017/18 as part of our work in reaching our VFM conclusion..
- We will consider the progress being made by the Council in its steps to determine a housing revenue account business plan that is sustainable in the longer term, as part of our work in reaching our VFM conclusion.

Materiality

In performing our audit, we apply the concept of materiality, following the requirements of International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) (ISA) 320: Materiality in planning and performing an audit. The concept of materiality is fundamental to the preparation of the financial statements and the audit process and applies not only to the monetary misstatements but also to disclosure requirements and adherence to acceptable accounting practice and applicable law. An item does not necessarily have to be large to be considered to have a material effect on the financial statements. An item may be considered to be material by nature, for example, when greater precision is required (e.g. senior manager salaries and allowances).

We determine planning materiality (materiality for the financial statements as a whole determined at the planning stage of the audit) in order to estimate the tolerable level of misstatement in the financial statements, assist in establishing the scope of our audit engagement and audit tests, calculate sample sizes and assist in evaluating the effect of known and likely misstatements in the financial statements.

We have determined planning materiality based upon professional judgement in the context of our knowledge of the Council. In line with previous years, we have calculated financial statements materiality based on a proportion of the gross revenue expenditure of the Council. For purposes of planning the audit we have determined overall materiality to be £864k (being 2% of gross revenue expenditure) in line with that determined in the previous year. Our assessment of materiality is kept under review throughout the audit process and we will advise you if we revise this during the audit.

Under ISA 450, auditors also set an amount below which misstatements would be clearly trivial and would not need to be accumulated or reported to those charged with governance because we would not expect that the accumulation of such amounts would have a material effect on the financial statements. "Trivial" matters are clearly inconsequential, whether taken individually or in aggregate and whether judged by any criteria of size, nature or circumstances. We have defined the amount below which misstatements would be clearly trivial to be £42k.

ISA 320 also requires auditors to determine separate, lower, materiality levels where there are 'particular classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures for which misstatements of lesser amounts than materiality for the financial statements as a whole could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users'. We have identified the following items where separate materiality levels are appropriate:

Balance/transaction/disclosure	Explanation	Materiality level
Disclosures of officers' remuneration, salary bandings and exit packages in the notes to the financial statements	Due to public interest in these disclosures and the statutory requirement for them to be made.	£20,000
Related party transactions		£20,000 (although the significance of any matters arising will also be evaluated with regard to the materiality from the perspective of the other party)

Misstatements, including omissions, are considered to be material if they, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements; Judgments about materiality are made in light of surrounding circumstances, and are affected by the size or nature of a misstatement, or a combination of both; and Judgments about matters that are material to users of the financial statements are based on a consideration of the common financial information needs of users as a group. The possible effect of misstatements on specific individual users, whose needs may vary widely, is not considered. (ISA (UK and Ireland) 320)

Significant risks identified

An audit is focused on risks. Significant risks are defined by ISAs (UK and Ireland) as risks that, in the judgment of the auditor, require special audit consideration. In identifying risks, audit teams consider the nature of the risk, the potential magnitude of misstatement, and its likelihood. Significant risks are those risks that have a higher risk of material misstatement.

Significant risk	Description	Audit procedures
<p>The revenue cycle includes fraudulent transactions</p>	<p>Under ISA (UK and Ireland) 240 there is a presumed risk that revenue streams may be misstated due to the improper recognition of revenue.</p> <p>This presumption can be rebutted if the auditor concludes that there is no risk of material misstatement due to fraud relating to revenue recognition.</p>	<p>Having considered the risk factors set out in ISA240 and the nature of the revenue streams at High Peak Borough Council, we have determined that the risk of fraud arising from revenue recognition can be rebutted, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is little incentive to manipulate revenue recognition • opportunities to manipulate revenue recognition are very limited • The culture and ethical frameworks of local authorities, including High Peak Borough Council, mean that all forms of fraud are seen as unacceptable <p>Therefore we do not consider this to be a significant risk for High Peak Borough Council.</p>
<p>Management over-ride of controls</p>	<p>Under ISA (UK and Ireland) 240 there is a non-rebuttable presumed risk that the risk of management over-ride of controls is present in all entities.</p>	<p>Work planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of accounting estimates, judgments and decisions made by management • Review of journal entry process and selection of unusual journal entries for testing back to supporting documentation • Review of unusual significant transactions.

"Significant risks often relate to significant non-routine transactions and judgmental matters. Non-routine transactions are transactions that are unusual, due to either size or nature, and that therefore occur infrequently. Judgmental matters may include the development of accounting estimates for which there is significant measurement uncertainty." (ISA (UK and Ireland) 315) . In making the review of unusual significant transactions "the auditor shall treat identified significant related party transactions outside the entity's normal course of business as giving rise to significant risks." (ISA (UK and Ireland) 550)

Other risks identified

Reasonably possible risks (RPRs) are, in the auditor's judgment, other risk areas which the auditor has identified as an area where the likelihood of material misstatement cannot be reduced to remote, without the need for gaining an understanding of the associated control environment, along with the performance of an appropriate level of substantive work. The risk of misstatement for an RPR or other risk is lower than that for a significant risk, and they are not considered to be areas that are highly judgmental, or unusual in relation to the day to day activities of the business.

Reasonably possible risks	Description of risk	Audit procedures
Operating expenses	Year end creditors and accruals are understated or not recorded in the correct period.	<p>We will document the processes and controls in place around the accounting for operating expenses and carry out walkthrough tests to confirm the operation of controls.</p> <p>We will carry out testing including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the completeness of the subsidiary system interfaces and control account reconciliations obtaining an understanding of the accruals process and testing a sample of accruals including those for goods received but not invoiced at the year end payments after the year end to consider completeness of operating expenses <p>Testing will also cover a sample of operating expenses covering the period 1/4/16 to 31/3/17 to ensure they have been accurately accounted for and in the correct period.</p>
Employee remuneration	Employee remuneration accruals are understated	<p>We will document the processes and controls in place around the accounting for employee remuneration and carry out walkthrough tests to confirm the operation of controls.</p> <p>We will carry out testing including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the completeness of the payroll reconciliation to ensure that information from the payroll system can be agreed to the ledger and financial statements a review of monthly trend analysis of total payroll substantive testing of senior officer remuneration. <p>Testing will also cover a sample of employee remuneration payments covering the period 1/4/16 to 31/3/17 to ensure they have been accurately accounted for and in the correct period.</p>

"In respect of some risks, the auditor may judge that it is not possible or practicable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence only from substantive procedures. Such risks may relate to the inaccurate or incomplete recording of routine and significant classes of transactions or account balances, the characteristics of which often permit highly automated processing with little or no manual intervention. In such cases, the entity's controls over such risks are relevant to the audit and the auditor shall obtain an understanding of them." (ISA (UK and Ireland) 315)

Other risks identified (continued)

Other risks	Description of risk	Audit procedures
<p>Changes to the presentation of local authority financial statements</p>	<p>CIPFA has been working on the 'Telling the Story' project, for which the aim was to streamline the financial statements and improve accessibility to the user and this has resulted in changes to the 2016/17 Code of Practice.</p> <p>The changes affect the presentation of income and expenditure in the financial statements and associated disclosure notes. A prior period adjustment (PPA) to restate the 2015/16 comparative figures is also required.</p>	<p>We will document and evaluate the Council's process for recording the required financial reporting changes to the 2016/17 financial statements.</p> <p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the re-classification of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) comparatives to ensure that they are in line with the Authority's internal reporting structure. • review the appropriateness of the revised grouping of entries within the Movement In Reserves Statement (MIRS). • test the classification of income and expenditure for 2016/17 recorded within the Cost of Services section of the CIES. • test the completeness of income and expenditure by reviewing the reconciliation of the CIES to the general ledger. • test the classification of income and expenditure reported within the new Expenditure and Funding Analysis (EFA) note to the financial statements. • review the new segmental reporting disclosures within the 2016/17 financial statements to ensure compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice.

Other risks identified (continued)

Going concern

As auditors, we are required to “obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern assumption in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and to conclude whether there is a material uncertainty about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern” (ISA (UK and Ireland) 570). We will review the management's assessment of the going concern assumption and the disclosures in the financial statements.

Other material balances and transactions

Under International Standards on Auditing, "irrespective of the assessed risks of material misstatement, the auditor shall design and perform substantive procedures for each material class of transactions, account balance and disclosure". All other material balances and transaction streams will therefore be audited. However, the procedures will not be as extensive as the procedures adopted for the risks identified in the previous sections but will include:

- Property, plant and equipment
- Investment properties
- Investments (long term and short term)
- Debtors (long term and short term)
- Cash and cash equivalents
- Borrowings and other liabilities (long and short term)
- Useable and unusable reserves
- Movement in Reserves Statement and associated notes
- Statement of Cash Flows and associated notes
- Financing and investment income and expenditure
- Taxation and non-specific grants
- Grant income
- Pension liability and associated CIES transactions and disclosure notes
- New notes covering expenditure and income analysed by nature and other segmental disclosures
- Officers' remuneration
- Leases
- Related party transactions
- Capital expenditure and capital financing
- Financial instruments
- Housing Revenue Account and associated notes
- Collection Fund and associated notes

Value for Money

Background

The Code requires us to consider whether the Council has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. This is known as the Value for Money (VfM) conclusion.

The National Audit Office (NAO) issued its guidance for auditors on value for money work for 2016/17 in November 2016. The guidance states that for local government bodies, auditors are required to give a conclusion on whether the Council has proper arrangements in place.

The guidance identifies one single criterion for auditors to evaluate:

In all significant respects, the audited body takes properly informed decisions and deploys resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for taxpayers and local people.

This is supported by three sub-criteria as set out opposite:

Sub-criteria	Detail
Informed decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acting in the public interest, through demonstrating and applying the principles and values of sound governance Understanding and using appropriate cost and performance information (including, where relevant, information from regulatory/monitoring bodies) to support informed decision making and performance management Reliable and timely financial reporting that supports the delivery of strategic priorities Managing risks effectively and maintaining a sound system of internal control
Sustainable resource deployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning finances effectively to support the sustainable delivery of strategic priorities and maintain statutory functions Managing and utilising assets effectively to support the delivery of strategic priorities Planning, organising and developing the workforce effectively to deliver strategic priorities.
Working with partners and other third parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with third parties effectively to deliver strategic priorities Commissioning services effectively to support the delivery of strategic priorities Procuring supplies and services effectively to support the delivery of strategic priorities.

Value for Money (continued)

Risk assessment

We shall carry out an initial risk assessment based on the NAO's guidance. In our initial risk assessment, we will consider :

- our cumulative knowledge of the Council, including work performed in previous years in respect of the VfM conclusion and the opinion on the financial statements.
- the findings of other inspectorates and review agencies,
- any illustrative significant risks identified and communicated by the NAO in its Supporting Information.
- any other evidence which we consider necessary to conclude on your arrangements.

Following the completion of this risk assessment, we will set out our planned work for 2016/17 to meet our duties in respect of the VfM conclusion, as part of our progress updates to the Audit and Regulatory Committee. This update will include any significant risks identified, along with details of the work we plan to carry out to address these risks.

Reporting

The results of our VfM audit work and the key messages arising will be reported in our Audit Findings Report and in the Annual Audit Letter.

We will include our conclusion as part of our report on your financial statements which we will give by 30 September 2017.

Other audit responsibilities

In addition to our responsibilities under the Code of Practice in relation to your financial statements and arrangements for economy, efficiency and effectiveness we have a number of other audit responsibilities, as follows:

- We will undertake work to satisfy ourselves that the disclosures made in your Annual Governance Statement are in line with CIPFA/SOLACE guidance and consistent with our knowledge of the Council.
- We will read your Narrative Statement and check that it is consistent with the financial statements on which we give an opinion and that the disclosures included in it are in line with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice.
- The Council is below the audit threshold and so there is no requirement for us to review the WGA information prepared by the Council.
- We consider our other duties under the Act and the Code, as and when required, including:
 - We will give electors the opportunity to raise questions about your financial statements and consider and decide upon any objections received in relation to the financial statements;
 - issue of a report in the public interest; and
 - making a written recommendation to the Council, copied to the Secretary of State
- We certify completion of our audit.

The audit cycle

The audit timeline



Key dates:

Year end:
31 March 2017

Audit and Regulatory
Committee:
TBC September 2017

Sign off by:
30 September 2017

Audit phases:

Planning
January - February 2017

Interim
From 13 February 2017

Final
w/c 25 June 2017

Completion of
fieldwork
31 July 2017

Debrief
August 2017

Reporting
September
2017

Key elements

- Planning meeting with management to inform audit planning and agree audit timetable
- Issue audit working paper requirements to management
- Discussions with those charged with governance and internal audit to inform audit planning
- Discuss draft Audit Plan with management
- Issue the Audit Plan to management and Audit Committee
- Meeting with Audit Committee to discuss the Audit Plan

Key elements

- Document design effectiveness of key accounting systems and processes
- Review of key judgements and estimates
- Early substantive audit testing
- High level review of IA arrangements
- Specialist review of the general IT control environment
- Review journal entry policies and procedures and extract unusual entries for examination
- Review prior period adjustment
- Review of Value for Money arrangements
- Issue progress report to management and Audit and Regulatory Committee

Key elements

- Audit teams onsite to complete detailed audit testing
 - Weekly update meetings with management
 - Audit of group reporting consolidation schedule
- On completion of fieldwork:
- Issue draft Audit Findings to management
 - Meeting with management to discuss Audit Findings
 - Issue draft Audit Findings to Audit Committee

Key elements

- At time of Audit and Regulatory Committee
- Audit Findings presentation to Audit Committee
 - Finalise approval and signing of financial statements and audit report
 - Annual Audit Letter

Audit Fees

Fees

	£
Council audit	47,273
Grant certification	11,040
Total audit fees (excluding VAT)	58,313

Our fee assumptions include:

- Supporting schedules to all figures in the accounts are supplied by the agreed dates and in accordance with the agreed upon information request list
- The scope of the audit, and the Council and its activities, have not changed significantly
- The Council will make available management and accounting staff to help us locate information and to provide explanations
- The accounts presented for audit are materially accurate, supporting working papers and evidence agree to the accounts, and all audit queries are resolved promptly.

Grant certification

- Our fees for grant certification cover only housing benefit subsidy certification, which falls under the remit of Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited
- Fees in respect of other grant work, such as reasonable assurance reports, are shown under 'Fees for other services'.

Fees for other services

Fees for other services detailed on the following page, reflect those agreed at the time of issuing our Audit Plan. Any changes will be reported in our Audit Findings Report and Annual Audit Letter.

What is included within our fees:

- A reliable and risk-focused audit appropriate for your business
- Feed back on our work to review your systems and processes, identifying potential risks or opportunities
- Invitations to events hosted by Grant Thornton in your sector, as well as the wider finance community
- Technical briefings and updates for members of your finance team including invitations to our Accountants' Workshop
- Regular contact with senior management to discuss strategy, emerging issues and other important areas
- Regular progress reports and emerging issues bulletins to your Audit and Regulatory Committee

Independence and non-audit services

Ethical Standards and ISA (UK and Ireland) 260 require us to give you timely disclosure of matters relating to our independence. In this context we confirm that there are no significant facts or matters that impact on our independence as auditors that we are required or wish to draw to your attention. We have complied with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards and we confirm that we are independent and are able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements.

We confirm that we have implemented policies and procedures to meet the requirements of the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards.

For the purposes of our audit we have made enquiries of all Grant Thornton UK LLP teams providing services to High Peak Borough Council. The following audit related and non-audit services were identified for the Council for 2016/17:

Fees for other services

Service	Fees £	Planned outputs
Audit related		
Pooling housing capital receipts return 2015/16 – work completed in November 2016	2,200	Completion of reasonable assurance work to meet the requirements of DCLG and submit certification on the Department's LOGASNET system.
Non-audit related		
Leisure services – options (work completed in 2016/17)	8,990	Options appraisal for alternative delivery vehicle for leisure services.
CFOi insights – subscription agreed September 2016	2,000	These are subscriptions to access our online software that provides the councils with rapid insights relating to financial performance, socio economic factors and service outcomes. Total fees split 50:50.
Place Analytics – Year 3 of three year subscription package	5,625	
Waste management review	6,450	Benchmarking and a critical review of a business case, total fee £12,900 to be split 50:50
Total non – audit related	23,065	This is the value of the share attributed to this Council

The amounts detailed are fees agreed to-date for audit related and non-audit services (to be) undertaken by Grant Thornton UK LLP (and Grant Thornton International Limited network member Firms) in the current financial year. Full details of all fees charged for audit and non-audit services by Grant Thornton UK LLP and by Grant Thornton International Limited network member Firms will be included in our Audit Findings report at the conclusion of the audit.

PSAA Ltd have confirmed their approved for Grant Thornton UK LLP to undertake the work set out above for both Authorities, with the fees to be split 50:50.

The above services are consistent with the Council's policy on the allotment of non-audit work to your auditors.

Communication of audit matters with those charged with governance

International Standard on Auditing (UK and Ireland) (ISA) 260, as well as other ISAs (UK and Ireland) prescribe matters which we are required to communicate with those charged with governance, and which we set out in the table opposite.

This document, The Audit Plan, outlines our audit strategy and plan to deliver the audit, while The Audit Findings will be issued prior to approval of the financial statements and will present key issues and other matters arising from the audit, together with an explanation as to how these have been resolved.

We will communicate any adverse or unexpected findings affecting the audit on a timely basis, either informally or via a report to the Council.

Respective responsibilities

As auditor we are responsible for performing the audit in accordance with ISAs (UK and Ireland), which is directed towards forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of those charged with governance.

This plan has been prepared in the context of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (<http://www.psa.co.uk/appointing-auditors/terms-of-appointment/>)

We have been appointed as the Council's independent external auditors by the Audit Commission, the body responsible for appointing external auditors to local public bodies in England at the time of our appointment. As external auditors, we have a broad remit covering finance and governance matters.

Our annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice ('the Code') issued by the NAO and includes nationally prescribed and locally determined work (<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/about-code/>). Our work considers the Council's key risks when reaching our conclusions under the Code.

The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the conduct of its business, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for. We have considered how the Council is fulfilling these responsibilities.

Our communication plan	Audit Plan	Audit Findings
Respective responsibilities of auditor and management/those charged with governance	✓	
Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Form, timing and expected general content of communications	✓	
Views about the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting and financial reporting practices, significant matters and issues arising during the audit and written representations that have been sought		✓
Confirmation of independence and objectivity	✓	✓
A statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, relationships and other matters which might be thought to bear on independence. Details of non-audit work performed by Grant Thornton UK LLP and network firms, together with fees charged. Details of safeguards applied to threats to independence	✓	✓
Material weaknesses in internal control identified during the audit		✓
Identification or suspicion of fraud involving management and/or others which results in material misstatement of the financial statements		✓
Non compliance with laws and regulations		✓
Expected modifications to the auditor's report, or emphasis of matter		✓
Uncorrected misstatements		✓
Significant matters arising in connection with related parties		✓
Significant matters in relation to going concern	✓	✓



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