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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>15 December 2016</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chief Finance Officer</b>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>09</b>

## **EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2015-16**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide members of the panel with a copy of the Annual Audit Letter - the final stage in the Statement of Accounts 2015-16 process.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are requested to consider and forward to the PCC and CC for approval.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 This complies with good governance and in ensuring assurance can be obtained from the work carried out.

### **4. Summary of Key Points**

- 4.1 The Annual Audit Letter is attached at **Appendix A** this is the final part of compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations for closure of the 2015-16 accounts.
- 4.2 The Letter itself is not dissimilar to the External Highlight report presented to this panel at the September meeting and confirms the unqualified opinions in relation to the Accounts and Value for Money.

### **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

### **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

### **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 None as a direct result of this report.

## **8. Risk Management**

8.1 None as a direct result of this report.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

9.1 This report complies with good governance and financial regulations.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

10.1 None – this complies with the Accounts & Audit Regulations.

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

11.1 Not applicable.

## **12. Appendices**

12.1 Appendix A - External Audit – Annual Audit Letter 2015-16