

Subject: Annual Audit Letter 2011/12
Date of Meeting: 20th November 2012
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the 2011/12 audit of Brighton & Hove City Council which includes the opinion on the financial statements and value for money conclusion.
- 1.2 There is a requirement for the Annual Audit Letter to be made available to all Members.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers and notes the contents of the Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The summary detailed within the Annual Audit Letter has already been considered by the Council's Audit & Standards Committee on 25th September as part of the Audit Commission's Annual Governance Report.

4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**Financial Implications:**

- 4.1 The Annual Audit letter is a key element of financial governance. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Finance Officer consulted: Anne Silley 8th November 2012

Legal Implications:

- 4.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Officer consulted: Oliver Dixon 8th November 2012

Equalities Implications:

- 4.3 There are no direct equalities implications arising directly from this report

Sustainability Implications:

- 4.4 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 4.5 There no direct implications for the prevention of crime and disorder arising from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 4.6 There no direct implications for the risk and opportunity management arising from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 4.6 Robust corporate governance arrangements are essential to the sound management of the City Council and the achievement of its objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan.