



External audit progress report

London Borough of Brent
External audit 2016-17

20 March 2017

External Audit Progress Report

Update on audit team

We would like to inform the Audit Committee that Andrew Sayers, a partner based in our London office, is replacing Philip Johnstone as the engagement lead on the audit. Andrew has already met with Carolyn Downs, Althea Loderick and Conrad Hall to help ensure a smooth handover from Philip. Andrew has a wide experience of audit and is currently the engagement lead at five other London boroughs as well as KPMG's national Lead Partner for Public Sector audit. .

Since the last meeting of the Audit Committee in January 2017 we have...

- Issued and agreed our grants report which is a separate item on the agenda;
- Reviewed the Council's response to the six objections to the 2015/16 accounts and are requesting additional information or clarification on some of the documents supplied;
- Met with Carolyn Downs, Althea Loderick and Conrad Hall as part of our planning processes and issued our audit plan for 2016/17 which is a separate item on the agenda;
- Held early discussions on the timing and approach to the interim and opinion audit visits; and
- Started our interim work on updating our knowledge of your financial systems and carrying out testing of some key controls..

Ahead of the next meeting of the Audit Committee we will...

- Complete our interim audit visit and feedback our findings to officers and report these to the Audit Committee in our progress report; and
- Progress our review of the six objections we have received.

We ask the Audit Committee to:

- **NOTE** this progress report
- **NOTE** the Grants report
- **APPROVE** the Audit Plan

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