



External audit update report

London Borough of Ealing
External audit 2016-17

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29 November 2016

Section One

External Audit Progress Report

Since the last meeting of the Audit Committee in July 2016 we have...

- Signed our unqualified audit opinion and VFM conclusion on 29 July 2016;
- Issued our opinion on the Council's Whole of Government Accounts;
- Issued our audit certificate;
- Prepared our Annual Audit Letter, which is attached to this report, for publication on the Council's website;
- Made progress on the three grant claims we are required to audit, namely Housing Benefit Subsidy claim, Teachers' Pension Return and the Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts Return. We are expecting to issue our conclusions by the deadline of 30 November 2016; and
- Held initial discussions with officers on the 2016/17 audit.

Ahead of the next meeting of the Audit Committee on 28 February 2017 we will...

- Complete the audit of the above three grants and issue our grants report which we will present to the next Audit Committee; and
- Complete our planning for 2016/17 and issue our draft plan for approval at the Audit Committee.

We ask the Audit Committee to:

- **NOTE** this progress report.

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