



External audit update report

London Borough of Ealing
External audit 2017-18

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November 2018

External Audit Progress Report

Since the last meeting of the Audit Committee in July 2018 we have...

- Signed our unqualified audit opinion and VFM conclusion on 31 July 2018;
- Issued our consistency opinion on the Council's Whole of Government Accounts;
- Prepared our Annual Audit Letter, which is attached to this report, for publication on the Council's website;
- Reviewed the Pension Fund Annual Report;
- Made progress on two of the grant claims and returns we are required to audit, namely Housing Benefit Subsidy claim and Teachers' Pension Return, both of which we are on target to certify by 30 November deadline. The third grant return on the Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts we are due to start auditing in December and will issue our certificate by the deadline of 11 January 2019; and
- Issued our provisional view on the objection relating to the 2016/17 financial statements. We are expecting to issue our final decision in December.

We ask the Audit Committee to:

- **NOTE** this progress report.

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