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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>External Audit Progress Report</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

<b>Audit Committee Meeting Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
<b>Policy Document:</b>	No
<b>Directorate:</b>	Resources
<b>Accountable Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Alan Bottwood

### 1. Purpose

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1.1 To present to the committee the 2012/13 latest progress report.

### 2. Recommendations

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2.1 To note the progress of external audit plans as presented to the Committee by the Council's external auditors.

### 3. Issues and Choices

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#### 3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission, audit the Statement of Accounts and major grant claim and returns. They report to the audit committee progress against plan and any issues arising.

#### 3.2 Issues

##### Progress Report

3.2.1 The purpose of the progress report is to provide the Audit Committee with an update on the progress in delivering the responsibilities as the authority's external auditor. It also includes an update on the externalisation of the Audit Practice.

#### 3.3 Choices (Options)

3.3.1 To comment on any matters arising from the two reports.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 None.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 There are no specific resources and risk implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

4.5.1 None.

### **4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes**

4.6.1 Protecting and enhancing the reputation of Northampton Borough Council.

### **4.7 Other Implications**

4.7.1 Not applicable

## **5. Background Papers**

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Appendix 1 – Progress Report

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