

AUDIT COMMITTEE

25 SEPTEMBER 2012

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

Future Of Local Audit – Update - (Report AUD026 refers) 12 March 2012

Annual Audit Fees 2012/12 - (Report AUD036 Refers) 26 June 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to previous consideration by the Committee on the future of Local Audit, the Audit Commission have now written to confirm the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as external auditor to audit the accounts of Winchester City Council for five years from 2012/13.

A copy of the letter dated 31 July 2012 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as external auditor to audit the accounts of Winchester City Council for five years from 2012/13 be noted.

APPENDIX

Copy of the Audit Commission letter dated 31 July 2012.