



Annual Audit Letter 2015/16

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This Annual Audit Letter summarises the outcome from our audit work at Ryedale District Council in relation to their 2015/16 audit year.

Although it is addressed to Members of the Authority, it is also intended to communicate these key messages to key external stakeholders, including members of the public, and will be placed on the Authority's website.

VFM conclusion	<p>We issued an unqualified conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money (VFM conclusion) for 2015/16 on the 27th September 2016. This means we are satisfied that during the year that Authority had proper arrangements for informed decision making, sustainable resource deployment and working with partners and third parties.</p> <p>To arrive at our conclusion we looked at the Authority's arrangements to make informed decision making, sustainable resource deployment and working with partners and third parties.</p>
VFM risk areas	<p>We undertook a risk assessment as part of our VFM audit work to identify the key areas impacting on our VFM conclusion and considered the arrangements you have put in place to mitigate these risks.</p> <p>We identified one VFM risk in our External Audit Plan 2015/16 issued in March 2016 relating to the High Court Judgement quashing the permission granted by The Ryedale District Planning Committee relating to Wentworth Street Car park. In his Judgement Mr Justice Dove view was that officers misled the Planning Committee meeting on 24 April 2014 when the decision was taken.</p> <p>Having reviewed the circumstances of this decision we concluded that there are no matters of any significance arising as result of our audit work in this VFM risk area. We therefore concluded that the Authority has made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.</p>
Audit opinion	<p>We issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's financial statements on the 27th September 2016. This means that we believe the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority and of its expenditure and income for the year.</p>
Financial statements audit	<p>Our audit identified one significant audit adjustment of a movement of balances between short and long term creditors with a total value of £1.398million. The impact of this adjustment was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Decrease the balance on Short Term Creditors as at 31 March 2016 by £1.398million; and —Increase the balance on Long Term Creditors as at 31 March 2016 by for the year by £1.398 million. <p>It should be noted that the movement in balances above had no impact on the financial position of the Authority.</p> <p>This was adjusted by management.</p>
Annual Governance Statement	<p>We reviewed your Annual Governance Statement and concluded that it was consistent with our understanding.</p>

Section one

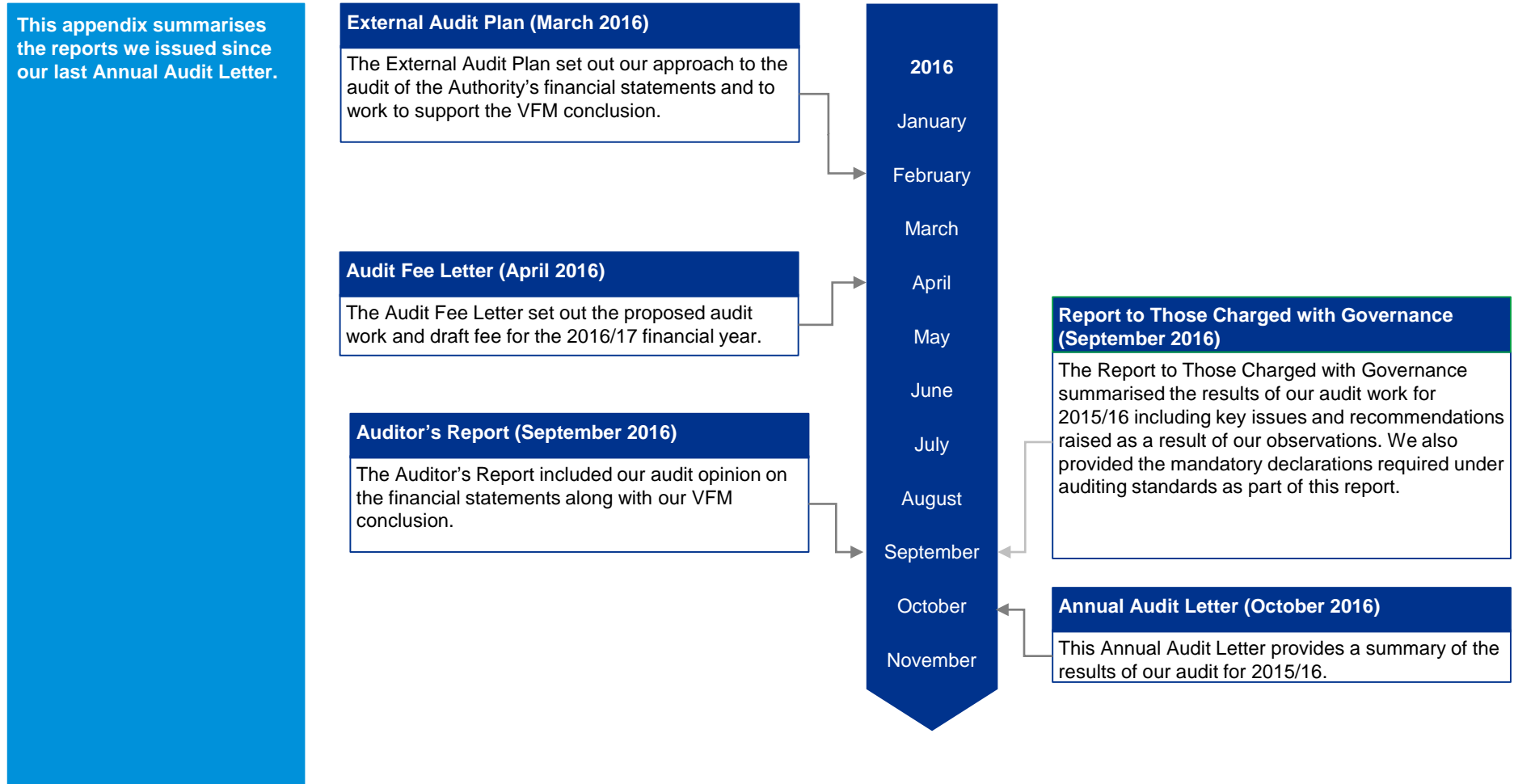
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Whole of Government Accounts	The Authority prepares a consolidation pack to support the production of Whole of Government Accounts by HM Treasury. We are not required to review your pack in detail as the Authority falls below the threshold where an audit is required. As required by the guidance we have confirmed this with the National Audit Office.
Certificate	We issued our certificate on the 27 th September 2016. The certificate confirms that we have concluded the audit for 2015/16 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.
Audit fee	Our fee for 2015/16 was £45,424, excluding VAT. Further detail is contained in Appendix 2.

Appendix 1: Summary of reports issued



Appendix 2: Audit fees

This appendix provides information on our final fees for the 2015/16 audit.

To ensure transparency about the extent of our fee relationship with the Authority we have summarised below the outturn against the 2015/16 planned audit fee.

External audit

Our final fee for the 2015/16 audit of Ryedale District Council was £45,424 plus VAT .

This fee was higher than that highlighted within our audit plan agreed by the Audit Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2016 of £41,826 plus VAT. A Scale fee adjustment of £3,598 plus VAT was agreed for the additional VFM risk based work on Wentworth Street Car Park.

Our scale fee for certification for the HBCOUNT was £11,484 plus VAT in 2015/16.

Other services

We did not charge any additional fees for other services.



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