

Item/Min Ref:	Title of Report: Report to those Charged with Governance 2016/2017	Officer presenting: NIAO Author: Lead Assurance Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Member's on the final Report to those Charged with Governance for Derry City and Strabane District Council for 2016/2017.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that following completion of the Annual Audit, the Northern Ireland Audit Office produce a Report to those Charged with Governance (RTTCWG). This report summarises the key matters arising from the Audit Office's audit of the 2016/17 financial statements for the benefit of those charged with governance.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Local Government Auditor certified the 2016/17 financial statements with an unqualified audit opinion, without modification.
- 3.2 No issues were identified on the quality, effectiveness and transparency of financial reporting and accounting.
- 3.3 The accounting policies were considered appropriate.
- 3.4 No significant internal control weaknesses were identified and Council's continued progress in implementing the recommendations arising from the significant procurement investigation was acknowledged.
- 3.5 The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed for completeness and adequacy of disclosures and it was noted that it fairly reflects the Audit Office's understanding of the state of internal control systems within the Council during the year.

3.6 Recommendations have been made by the Audit Office in relation to a number of important and best practice findings. These recommendations have been accepted by management and action plans are in place to ensure that they are implemented in a timely manner.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR and Other Implications

4.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Members are asked to endorse the contents of the Report to those Charged with Governance 2016/17.

Background Papers

Appendix 8 - RRTCWG 16/17