

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	28 JULY 2016	7
MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER 2015/16			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

1. Following the conclusion of the audit of accounts the Council is required to provide the external auditor, in the case of Fylde Council this is KPMG, with a statement confirming that the Council has acted properly and with due regard to appropriate regulations and guidance in the preparation of financial statements and that all material items have been disclosed to the auditors and all reasonable measures taken to minimise fraud and error. This statement is referred to as the 'Management Representation Letter'. The letter showing the full detail of the statement is attached at Appendix A to this report.
2. Once agreed the Management Representation Letter must be signed on behalf of the Authority by the Chief Financial Officer and by the Member presiding at the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee (the Chair or Vice-Chair), that being the body delegated by Council to consider and approve the Statement of Accounts in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The signed Management Representation Letter will then be provided to KPMG.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Audit and Standards Committee is recommended to agree that the Management Representation Letter be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and by the Member presiding at the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee (the Chair or Vice-Chair) and is then provided to KPMG.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There are no previous decisions relating to the Management Representation Letter for 2015/16.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

To consider the Management Representation Letter for 2015/16 which is attached at Appendix A to this report.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.
Legal	Completion of the Management Representation Letter for 2015/16 is required by the council's external auditors KPMG as part of the audit of accounts process. This ultimately ensures that the Council is able to approve the Statement of Accounts in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection

Attached documents

1. Management Representation Letter 2015/16