

North East Derbyshire District Council

Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee

21 April 2016

KPMG Local Government Budget Survey

Report of the Council's External Auditor KPMG

Purpose of the Report

- For the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee to consider the Local Government Budget Survey attached as **Appendix 1** which has been prepared by KPMG for consideration by elected Members of the Council.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee consider the attached report from the Council's External Auditors (KPMG).
- 1.2 It should be noted that it is planned that this Report will constitute an item on the next Members Development day. This will be used to consider two issues namely do Members receive appropriate financial information to assist them in managing the Council at a time of significant challenge and secondly has the Council fully explored the range of savings opportunities identified by KPMG as having been utilised at other local authorities. The proposed draft set of slides for the Member Development Day session is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To ensure that the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee is able to effectively consider the outcomes of the work undertaken by the Council's external auditors.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 None arising directly from the report.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

There are no additional financial implications arising out of this report.

5.2 **Legal Implications including Data Protection**

None arising directly from this report.

5.3 **Human Resources Implications**

None arising directly from this report.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee considers and notes the attached report from the Council's External Auditors, KPMG, in respect of the Local Government Budget Survey.

7 **Decision Information**

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is an executive decision which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	N/A
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	N/A

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Local Government Budget Survey
2	Draft Slides for Member Development Day
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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