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HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Governance and Audit Committee

March 2014

**EXTERNAL AUDIT PAPERS - HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
Ernst & Young LLP**

FOR INFORMATION

Portfolio: FINANCE – Councillor Jackie Branson

Key Decision: No

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To outline the papers to be presented by Ernst & Young LLP.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 We ask the Committee to note the content of the reports attached to this paper.

3.0 Summary

3.1 To fulfil our responsibilities as your external auditor we are required to present formally the papers attached to this report to those charged with governance.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Audit Progress Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governance and Audit Committee with an overview of the stage we have reached in your 2012/13 audit, and an outline of our plans for the 2013/14 audit.

4.2 Certification of claims and returns annual report 2012-13

This report relates to the audit of the Council's 2012/13 grant claims. The statement of responsibilities in respect of grant certification requires auditors to report the results of certification work to those charged with governance.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Resources: No direct implications

- 5.2 Legal: No direct implications
- 5.3 Strategy: No direct implications
- 5.4 Risks: No direct implications
- 5.5 Communications: No direct implications
- 5.6 For the Community: No direct implications

- 6.0 Consultation:** Executive Head of Governance & Logistics and Accountant (Financial & Governance)

- 6.1 Appendices:
 - 1. Audit Progress Report
 - 2. Certification of claims and returns annual report 2012-13

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