



# Annual Audit Letter 2015/16

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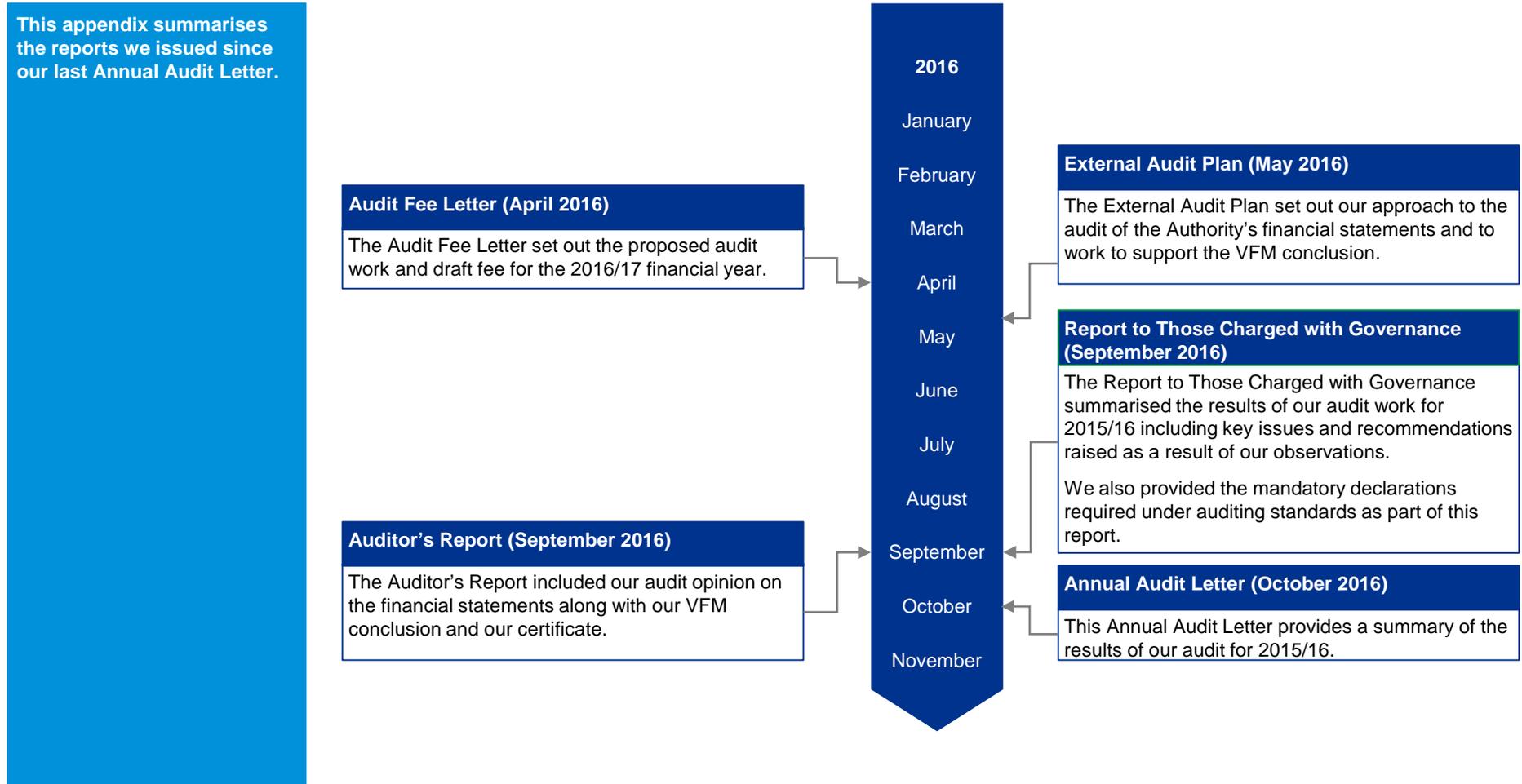
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**This Annual Audit Letter summarises the outcome from our audit work at North London Waste Authority in relation to their 2015/16 audit year.**

**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.**

<b>VFM conclusion</b>	<p>We issued an unqualified conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money (VFM conclusion) for 2015/16 on 29 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>
<b>VFM risk areas</b>	<p>We undertook a risk assessment as part of our VFM audit work to identify the key areas impacting on our VFM conclusion. We did not identify any VFM risks in our External audit plan 2015/16. We worked with officers throughout the year to discuss VFM matters. There are no matters of any significance arising as result of our VFM audit work.</p>
<b>Audit opinion</b>	<p>We issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's financial statements on 29 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. The financial statements also include those of the Authority's Group, which consists of the Authority itself and Londonwaste Limited.</p>
<b>Financial statements audit</b>	<p>Our audit did not identify any audit adjustments The Authority made a small number of non-trivial adjustments, most of which were of a presentational nature. There was no impact on the accounts from these presentational adjustments.</p> <p>The group financial statements incorporated one unadjusted error originally reported to LondonWaste Limited (LWL) by its auditors, BDO. The effect of this unadjusted error would be to increase the group's surplus by £84,000, with no effect on the group's net assets.</p> <p>We have noted an improvement in the quality of the accounts and the supporting working papers. The quality of the accounts and the supporting working papers were of a good standard this year. Officers dealt efficiently with audit queries and the audit process was completed within the planned timescales.</p> <p>The Authority has implemented all of the recommendations in our <i>ISA 260 Report 2014/15</i> relating to the financial statements.</p>
<b>Other information accompanying the financial statements</b>	<p>Whilst not explicitly covered by our audit opinion, we review other information that accompanies the financial statements to consider its material consistency with the audited accounts. This year we reviewed the Annual Governance Statement and Narrative Report. We concluded that they were consistent with our understanding and did not identify any issues.</p>
<b>High priority recommendations</b>	<p>We have not raised any recommendations as a result of our 2015/16 audit work.</p>
<b>Certificate</b>	<p>We issued our certificate on 29 September 2016. The certificate confirms that we have concluded the audit for 2015/16 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit &amp; Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.</p>
<b>Audit fee</b>	<p>Our fee for 2015/16 was £18,270, excluding VAT. This is the same as the planned fee and the scale fee set by PSAA Ltd.</p> <p>We did not charge any additional fees for other services.</p>

# Appendix 1: Summary of reports issued





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