Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee 11 February 2014 Agenda Item No 11

External Audit Plan 2013/14

Report by Head of Finance

Summary: This report appends the Audit Plan for the 2013/14 audit by Ernst & Young.

Recommendation: That the Audit Plan for the 2013/14 audit be noted.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Audit Plan for the 2013/14 audit by Ernst & Young is appended to this report (appendix 1). The plan sets out the work which the auditors propose to undertake for the audit of the financial statements and the value for money conclusion for 2013/14. It confirms that the proposed audit fee will be £13,943, which represents no change from the fee charged in 2012/13.
- 1.2 The Audit Director, Neil Harris, and the Audit Manager, David Riglar, will be attending the meeting to introduce the Audit Plan and answer any questions.

2 Identification of Significant Risks

- 2.1 The Audit Plan takes a risk-based approach to audit planning and identifies one significant risk in 2013/14, which remains as in 2012/13, and relates to the valuation of property, plant and equipment.
- 2.2 Other financial statement risks identified relate to the accounting treatment of leases and the general risk of misstatement due to fraud and error. Officers have identified to External Audit an error in the accounting treatment for the lease free period for Yare House in 2012/13 relating to the requirement for the discount to be amortised over the life of the contract. It is proposed to correct this error within the 2013/14 accounts.
- 2.3 The audit approach to these risks is set out in section two of the Audit Plan.

3 Financial Implications

3.1 Provision for the audit fee is included in the 2013/14 budget and will be charged in the accounts for the year.

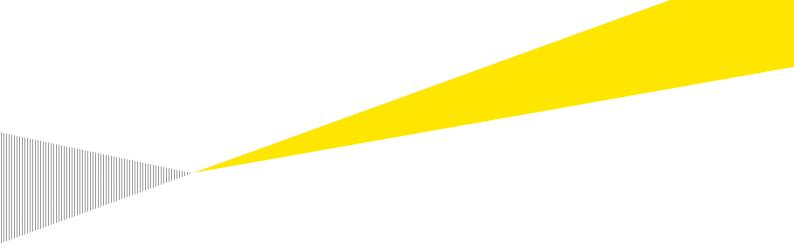
| Background papers: | None |
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| Author: | Titus Adam |
| Date of report: | 28 January 2014 |
| Broads Plan Objectives: | None |
| Appendices: | APPENDIX 1 – Ernst & Young Audit Plan 2013/14 |

Broads Authority

Year ending 31 March 2014

Audit Plan

11 February 2014





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Dear Members,

Audit Plan

We are pleased to attach our Audit Plan which sets out how we intend to carry out our responsibilities as auditor. The purpose of this report is to provide the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee with a basis to review our proposed audit approach and scope for the 2013/14 audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Code of Audit Practice, the Standing Guidance, auditing standards and other professional requirements, but also to ensure that our audit is aligned with the Committee's service expectations.

This report summarises our assessment of the key risks which drive the development of an effective audit for the Broads Authority, and outlines our planned audit strategy in response to those risks.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this report with you on 11 February 2014 as well as understand whether there are other matters which you consider may influence our audit.

Yours faithfully

Neil Harris For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP Enc

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This Audit Results Report is prepared in the context of the Statement of responsibilities. It is addressed to the Members of the audited body, and is prepared for their sole use. We, as appointed auditor, take no responsibility to any third party.

In March 2010 the Audit Commission issued a revised version of the 'Statement of responsibilities of auditors and audited bodies' (Statement of responsibilities). It is available from the Chief Executive of each audited body and via the <u>Audit Commission's website</u>.

The Statement of responsibilities serves as the formal terms of engagement between the Audit Commission's appointed auditors and audited bodies. It summarises where the different responsibilities of auditors and audited bodies begin and end, and what is to be expected of the audited body in certain areas.

The Standing Guidance serves as our terms of appointment as auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. The Standing Guidance sets out additional requirements that auditors must comply with, over and above those set out in the Code of Audit Practice 2010 (the Code) and statute, and covers matters of practice and procedure which are of a recurring nature.

Our Complaints Procedure – If at any time you would like to discuss with us how our service to you could be improved, or if you are dissatisfied with the service you are receiving, you may take the issue up with your usual partner or director contact. If you prefer an alternative route, please contact Steve Varley, our Managing Partner, 1 More London Place, London SE1 2AF. We undertake to look into any complaint carefully and promptly and to do all we can to explain the position to you. Should you remain dissatisfied with any aspect of our service, you may of course take matters up with our professional institute. We can provide further information on how you may contact our professional institute.

1. Overview

1.1 Context for the audit

This audit plan covers the work that we plan to perform in order to provide you with:

- Our audit opinion on whether the financial statements of the Broads Authority give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2014 and of the income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- ► A statutory conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

We will also review and report to the National Audit Office ('NAO'), to the extent and in the form required by them, on your Whole of Government Accounts return.

When planning the audit we take into account several key inputs:

- Strategic, operational and financial risks relevant to the financial statements.
- ► Developments in financial reporting and auditing standards.
- ► The quality of systems and processes.
- ► Changes in the business and regulatory environment.
- ► Management's views on all of the above.

By considering these inputs, our audit is focused on the areas that matter. And by focusing on the areas that matter, our feedback is more likely to be relevant to the Broads Authority.

Our audit will also include the mandatory procedures that we are required to perform in accordance with applicable laws and auditing standards.

In part 2 and 3 of this report we provide more detail on the areas which we believe present significant risk to the financial statements audit, and outline our plans to address these risks. Details of our audit process and strategy are set out in more detail in section 4 and summarised below.

We will provide an update to the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee on the results of our work in these areas in our report to those charged with governance scheduled for delivery in September 2014.

1.2 Our process and strategy

- ► Financial Statement Audit
 - ► We carry out an initial assessment of materiality using the audited financial statements for 2012/13 but will update this when we receive the draft financial statements. We will report unadjusted misstatements identified except those that are "clearly trivial" to the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee.
 - ► We will seek to rely on controls where this is possible and represents the most efficient approach to our audit.
 - ► To the fullest extent permissible by auditing standards, we will seek to place reliance on the work of Internal Audit wherever possible. We have shared information with Internal Audit on key controls and sample sizes.
 - ► We are pleased to report that there are no changes proposed to the Audit Director and Audit Manager for 2013/14
- ► Arrangements for securing Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness
 - ► We adopt an integrated audit approach such that our work on the financial statement audit feeds into our consideration of the arrangements in place for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

2. Financial statement risks

We outline below our assessment of the key strategic or operational risks and the financial statement risks facing the Broads Authority, identified through our knowledge of the entity's operations and discussion with members and officers.

At our meeting, we will seek to validate these with you.

| Significant risks | Our audit approach | | |
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| Property, Plant and Equipment | | | |
| The last full valuation of property, plant and equipment was 2012. This increases the risk that assets are not recorded at the correct value. | Our approach will focus on: Reliance on management experts. Reliance on auditor experts. Test of detail if required. | | |
| Other financial statement risks | Our audit approach | | |
| Accounting for leases | | | |
| The lease on Yare House included a rent free period which was not correctly accounted for in 2012/13. Officers have identified the error and made a correction in the 2013/14 accounts. | Review the accounting treatment of the Yare House lease to ensure correctly stated. Sample test other lease agreements to ensure treatment is correct. | | |
| Risk of misstatement due to fraud and error | | | |
| Management has the primary responsibility to prevent and detect fraud. It is important that management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, has put in place a culture of ethical behaviour and a strong control environment that both deters and prevents fraud. Our responsibility is to plan and perform audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free of material misstatements whether caused by error or fraud. As auditors, we approach each engagement with a questioning mind that accepts the possibility that a material misstatement due to fraud could occur, and design the appropriate procedures to consider such risk. | Based on the requirements of auditing standards our approach will focus on: Identifying fraud risks during the planning stages. Inquiry of management about risks of fraud and the controls put in place to address those risks. Understanding the oversight given by those charged with governance of management's processes over fraud. Consideration of the effectiveness of management's controls designed to address the risk of fraud. Determining an appropriate strategy to address those identified risks of fraud. Performing mandatory procedures regardless of specifically identified fraud risks. | | |

3. Economy, efficiency and effectiveness

As set out in the Audit Commission's Work Programme and Scales of Fees 2013/14: Local Government the approach to local VFM work is limited to:

- Reviewing the annual governance statement.
- Reviewing the results of the work of the Commission and other relevant regulatory bodies or inspectorates, to consider whether there is any impact on the auditor's responsibilities at the audited body.
- Undertaking other local risk-based work as appropriate, or any work mandated by the Commission.

In our planning work so far, we have not identified any significant risks which are relevant to our conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

However, the Authority faces further significant cuts to the National Parks Grant in 2014/15 and 2015/16. The management team are exploring different scenarios and options, and staff and members have been engaged to identify options for increasing income and reducing expenditure.

We will continue to monitor the Authority's arrangements throughout our audit, including achievement of the 2013/14 budget, financial planning for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and the robustness of any savings plans and future projected reserve levels.

If our assessment of risk changes based on this work, we will report this to the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

4. Our audit process and strategy

4.1 Objective and scope of our audit

Under the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice ('the Code'), dated March 2010, our principle objectives are to review and report on, to the extent required by the relevant legislation and the requirements of the Code, the Authority's:

- ► financial statements; and
- ► arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

We issue a two-part audit report covering both of these objectives.

4.1.1 Financial statement audit

Our objective is to form an opinion on the financial statements under International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We will also review and report to the National Audit Office ('NAO'), to the extent and in the form required by them, on your Whole of Government Accounts return.

4.1.2 Arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness

The Code sets out our responsibility to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. In arriving at our conclusion, to the fullest extent possible we will place reliance on the reported results of the work of other statutory inspectorates in relation to corporate or service performance. In examining the Authority's corporate performance management and financial management arrangements we have regard to the following criteria and areas of focus specified by the Audit Commission:

- Arrangements for securing financial resilience whether the Authority has robust systems and processes to manage financial risks and opportunities effectively, and to secure a stable financial position that enables it to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.
- Arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness whether the Authority is prioritising its resources within tighter budgets, for example by achieving cost reductions and by improving efficiency and productivity.

4.2 Audit process overview

Our audit involves:

- Assessing the key internal controls in place and testing the operation of these controls
- Review and re-performance of the work of Internal Audit
- ► Reliance on the work of other auditors where appropriate
- ▶ Reliance on the work of experts in relation to areas such as property valuations
- Substantive tests of detail of transactions and amounts

4.2.1 Processes

Our initial assessment of the key processes has identified the following key processes where we will seek to test key controls, relying on the work of internal audit where appropriate:

- ► Clear communication of roles and responsibilities.
- Authorisation of significant transactions.
- ▶ Procedures to prepare financial statements.
- Management's review of the entity's financial performance.

Other material items of account will be tested substantively at year end.

4.2.2 Analytics

We will use our computer-based analytics tools to enable us to capture whole populations of your financial data, in particular in respect of payroll and journal entries. These tools:

- ► Help identify specific exceptions and anomalies which can then be subject to more traditional substantive audit tests.
- Give greater likelihood of identifying errors than random sampling techniques.

We will report the findings from our process and analytics work, including any significant weaknesses or inefficiencies identified and recommendations for improvement, to management and the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

4.2.3 Internal audit

As in prior years, we will review Internal Audit plans and the results of work undertaken. We will reflect the findings from these reports, together with reports from other work completed in the year, in our detailed audit plan, where issues are raised that could impact the year-end financial statements.

4.2.4 Use of experts

We will utilise specialist Ernst & Young resource, as necessary. Our plan currently includes the involvement of specialists in valuations to assess the valuations carried out by the Authority's Valuer.

Mandatory procedures required by auditing standards on:

- Addressing the risk of fraud and error.
- ► Significant disclosures included in the financial statements.
- ► Entity-wide controls.
- Reading other information contained in the financial statements and reporting whether it is inconsistent with our understanding and the financial statements.
- Auditor independence.

Procedures required by the Code

- Reviewing, and reporting on as appropriate, other information published with the financial statements, including the annual governance statement.
- Reviewing and reporting on the Whole of Government accounts return, in line with the instructions issued by the NAO.

Reviewing, and where appropriate, examining evidence that is relevant to the Authority's corporate performance management and financial management arrangements and reporting on these arrangements.

4.3 Materiality

For the purposes of determining whether the accounts are free from material error, we define materiality as the magnitude of an omission or misstatement that, individually or in the aggregate, in light of the surrounding circumstances, could reasonably be expected to influence the users of the financial statements. Our evaluation of it requires professional judgement and necessarily takes into account qualitative as well as quantitative considerations implicit in the definition. We would be happy to discuss with you your expectations regarding our detection of misstatements in the financial statements.

The amount we consider material at the end of the audit may differ from our initial determination. At this stage, however, it is not feasible to anticipate all of the circumstances that may ultimately influence our judgement about materiality. At the end of the audit we will form our final opinion by reference to all matters that could be significant to users of the accounts, including the total effect of the audit misstatements we identify, and our evaluation of materiality at that date.

ISA (UK & Ireland) 450 (revised) requires us to record all misstatements identified except those that are "clearly trivial". All uncorrected misstatements found above this amount will be presented to you in our year-end report.

4.4 Fees

The Audit Commission has published a scale fee for all authorities. The scale fee is defined as the fee required by auditors to meet statutory responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice 2010. The indicative fee scale for the audit of the Broads Authority is £13,943.

4.5 Your audit team

The engagement team is led by Neil Harris who has significant experience of the Authority's audit. Neil is supported by David Riglar who is responsible for the day-to-day direction of audit work, and who is the key point of contact for the Head of Finance. Mark Russell will supervise the on-site audit team and is responsible for raising and discussing emerging issues, Mark is also a point of contact for the Head of Finance.

The audit team give valuable continuity and knowledge of the Broads.

4.1 Timetable of communication, deliverables and insights

We have set out below a timetable showing the key stages of the audit, including the value for money work and the whole of government accounts; and the deliverables we have agreed to provide to you through the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee cycle in 2014. These dates are determined to ensure our alignment with the Audit Commission's rolling calendar of deadlines.

We will provide a formal report to the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee in September 2014. From time to time matters may arise that require immediate communication with the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee and we will discuss them with the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee Chairman as appropriate.

Following the conclusion of our audit we will prepare an annual audit letter in order to communicate to the Broads Authority and external stakeholders, including members of the public, the key issues arising from our work.

| Audit phase | Timetable | Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee timetable | Deliverables |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High level planning | March 2013 | | Audit Fee letter |
| Risk assessment and setting of scopes | January 2014 | February 2014 | Audit Plan |
| Walkthrough of routine processes and controls | February 2014 | | Reporting of any significant matters if required |
| Draft accounts | June 2014 | | Accounts received for audit |
| Year-end audit including WGA | August – September 2014 | | |
| Reporting | September 2014 | September 2014 | Report to those charged with governance |
| | | | Audit report (including our opinion on the financial statements and a conclusion as to whether the Authority has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources). |
| | | | Audit completion certificate |
| Reporting | October 2014 | | Annual Audit Letter |

In addition to the above formal reporting and deliverables we will seek to provide practical business insights and updates on regulatory matters.

5. Independence

5.1 Introduction

The APB Ethical Standards and ISA (UK and Ireland) 260 "Communication of audit matters with those charged with governance", requires us to communicate with you on a timely basis on all significant facts and matters that bear upon our independence and objectivity. The Ethical Standards, as revised in December 2010, require that we communicate formally both at the planning stage and at the conclusion of the audit, as well as during the course of the audit if appropriate. The aim of these communications is to ensure full and fair disclosure by us to those charged with your governance on matters in which you have an interest.

| | Required communications | | |
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| Pla | nning stage | Final stage | |
| • | The principal threats, if any, to objectivity and independence identified by Ernst & Young (EY) including consideration of all relationships between you, your affiliates and directors and us; The safeguards adopted and the reasons why they are considered to be effective, including any Engagement Quality review; | • | A written disclosure of relationships (including the provision of non-audit services) that bear on our objectivity and independence, the threats to our independence that these create, any safeguards that we have put in place and why they address such threats, together with any other information necessary to enable our objectivity and independence to be assessed; |
| • | The overall assessment of threats and safeguards; | ► | Details of non-audit services provided and the fees charged in relation thereto; |
| | Information about the general policies and process within EY to maintain objectivity and independence. | • | Written confirmation that we are independent; Details of any inconsistencies between APB Ethical Standards, the Audit Commission's Standing Guidance and your policy for the supply of non-audit services by EY and any apparent breach of that policy; and An opportunity to discuss auditor independence issues. |

In addition, during the course of the audit, we are required to communicate with you whenever any significant judgements are made about threats to objectivity and independence and the appropriateness of safeguards put in place, for example, when accepting an engagement to provide non-audit services.

We also provide information on any contingent fee arrangements, the amounts of any future services that have been contracted, and details of any written proposal to provide non-audit services that has been submitted;

We ensure that the total amount of fees that EY and our network firms have charged to you and your affiliates for the provision of services during the reporting period, analysed in appropriate categories, are disclosed.

5.2 Relationships, services and related threats and safeguards

We highlight the following significant facts and matters that may be reasonably considered to bear upon our objectivity and independence, including the principal threats, if any. However we have adopted the safeguards noted below to mitigate these threats along with the reasons why they are considered to be effective.

5.2.1 Self interest threats

A self interest threat arises when EY has financial or other interests in your entity. Examples include where we have an investment in your entity; where we receives significant fees in respect of non-audit services; where we need to recover long outstanding fees; or where we enter into a business relationship with you. At the time of writing, there are no long outstanding fees or agreed non-audit services.

We believe that it is appropriate for us to undertake permissible non-audit services. We will help the Authority establish policies that are in compliance with the Audit Commission's Standing Guidance if non-audit services are agreed.

A self interest threat may also arise if members of our audit engagement team have objectives or are rewarded in relation to sales of non-audit services to you. We confirm that no member of our audit engagement team, including those from other service lines, has objectives or is rewarded in relation to sales to you, in compliance with Ethical Standard 4.

There are no other self interest threats at the date of this report.

5.2.2 Self review threats

Self review threats arise when the results of a non-audit service performed by EY or others within the EY network are reflected in the amounts included or disclosed in the financial statements.

There are no self review threats at the date of this report.

5.2.3 Management threats

Partners and employees of EY are prohibited from taking decisions on behalf of management of your entity. Management threats may also arise during the provision of a non-audit service in relation to which management is required to make judgements or decisions based on that work.

There are no management threats at the date of this report.

5.2.4 Other threats

Other threats, such as advocacy, familiarity or intimidation, may arise.

There are no other threats at the date of this report.

5.2.5 Overall Assessment

Overall, we consider that the safeguards that have been adopted appropriately mitigate the principal threats identified and we therefore confirm that EY is independent and the objectivity and independence of Neil Harris, your audit engagement partner and the audit engagement team have not been compromised.

5.3 Other required communications

Ernst & Young (EY) has policies and procedures that instil professional values as part of firm culture and ensure that the highest standards of objectivity, independence and integrity are maintained.

Details of the key policies and processes in place within EY for maintaining objectivity and independence can be found in our annual Transparency Report which the firm is required to publish by law. The most recent version of this Report is for the year ended 29 June 2013 and can be found here:

UK 2013 Transparency Report

Appendix A Fees

A breakdown of our agreed fee is shown below.

| | Planned Fee 2013/14 | Actual Fee 2012/13 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Total Audit Fee – Code work | 13,943 | 13,943 |

The agreed fee presented above is based on the following assumptions:

- Officers meeting the agreed timetable of deliverables;
- ▶ We are able to place reliance, as planned, on the work of internal audit;
- The level of risk in relation to the audit of accounts in consistent with that in the prior year;
- No significant changes being made by the Audit Commission to the use of resources criteria on which our conclusion will be based;
- Our accounts opinion and use of resources conclusion being unqualified
- Appropriate quality of documentation is provided by the audited body
- ► Effective control environment

If any of the above assumptions prove to be unfounded, we will seek a variation to the agreed fee. This will be discussed with you in advance.

Appendix B UK required communications with those charged with governance

There are certain communications that we must provide to the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee of audited clients. These are detailed here:

| Required communication | Reference |
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| Planning and audit approach | Audit Plan |
| Communication of the planned scope and timing of the audit including any limitations. | |
| Significant findings from the audit Our view about the significant qualitative aspects of accounting practices including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit Significant matters, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed with management Written representations that we are seeking Expected modifications to the audit report Other matters if any, significant to the oversight of the financial reporting process Findings and issues regarding the opening balance on initial audits | Report to those charged with governance |
| Misstatements Uncorrected misstatements and their effect on our audit opinion The effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods A request that any uncorrected misstatement be corrected In writing, corrected misstatements that are significant | Report to those charged with governance |
| Fraud Enquiries of the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee to determine whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud affecting the entity Any fraud that we have identified or information we have obtained that indicates that a fraud may exist A discussion of any other matters related to fraud | Report to those charged with governance |
| Related parties Significant matters arising during the audit in connection with the entity's related parties including, when applicable: Non-disclosure by management Inappropriate authorisation and approval of transactions Disagreement over disclosures Non-compliance with laws and regulations Difficulty in identifying the party that ultimately controls the entity | Report to those charged with governance |
| External confirmations Management's refusal for us to request confirmations Inability to obtain relevant and reliable audit evidence from other procedures | Report to those charged with governance |

| Required communication | Reference |
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| Consideration of laws and regulations Audit findings regarding non-compliance where the non-compliance is material and believed to be intentional. This communication is subject to compliance with legislation on tipping off Enquiry of the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee into possible instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements and that the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee may be aware of | Report to those charged with governance |
| Independence | Audit Plan |
| Communication of all significant facts and matters that bear on Ernst & Young's objectivity and independence Communication of key elements of the audit engagement partner's consideration of independence and objectivity such as: The principal threats Safeguards adopted and their effectiveness An overall assessment of threats and safeguards Information about the general policies and process within the firm to maintain objectivity and independence | charged with governance |
| Going concern | Report to those |
| Events or conditions identified that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including: Whether the events or conditions constitute a material uncertainty Whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements The adequacy of related disclosures in the financial statements | charged with governance |
| Significant deficiencies in internal controls identified during the audit | Report to those charged with governance |
| Fee Information | |
| Breakdown of fee information at the agreement of the initial audit plan Breakdown of fee information at the completion of the audit | Audit Plan Report to those charged with governance and Annual Audit Letter if considered necessary |

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