

DEVON AUDIT PARTNERSHIP – RESULTS FROM CIPFA BENCHMARK EXERCISE 2015/16
Report of the County Treasurer

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: that the Committee

1. **Notes** the results from the 2015/16 CIPFA benchmark exercise

Summary

The attached report highlights the results from the CIPFA benchmarking exercise for 2015/16. DAP submitted data relating to the internal audit service provided to Plymouth City Council; we selected to use our Plymouth data as this is seen as being representative of DAP overall.

This is the 7th year that we have participated in the club, and so now have good information that helps us identify current and potential future trends and directions of travel.

The results from the survey were provided early June 2015. The results compare information provided from 19 Unitary authorities. As would be expected these authorities range in size and complexity and range from Cardiff City Council Anglesey to Waltham Forest.

Overall the results show that DAP performed very well in 2015/16 and is “below” the bar in the majority of areas, in particular in relation to:-

- Mainline audit cost per £m gross turnover
- Net cost to LA per chargeable day
- Cost per auditor

The CIPFA results are useful to provide reassurance to senior management and members that the Partnership continues to provide a cost effective internal audit service, and that this service is delivering assurance in line with other audit teams.

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Electoral Divisions: All
Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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<u>Background Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Ref</u>
Nil		

There are no equality issues associated with this report