

# Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

# Peak District National Park Authority

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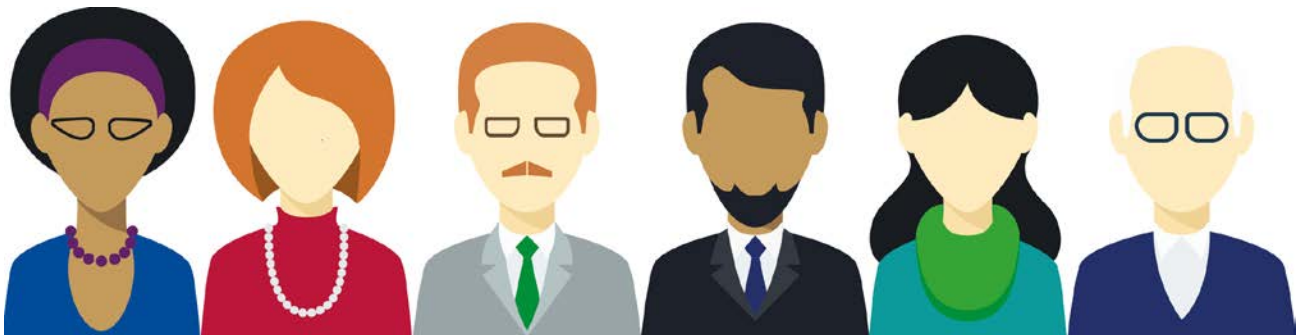
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## Section one

# Summary

This Annual Audit Letter summarises the outcome from our audit work at Peak District National Park Authority in relation to the 2016/17 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.



### **VFM conclusion**

We issued an unqualified conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money (VFM conclusion) for 2016/17 on 27 July 2017. This means we are satisfied that during the year the Authority had appropriate arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its resources. 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.

### **Audit opinion**

We issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's financial statements on 31 July 2017. 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.

### **Financial statements audit**

We did not identify any issues in the course of our audit that are considered to be material.

The Authority has good processes in place for the production of the accounts and good quality working papers. Officers dealt efficiently with audit queries and the audit process has been completed within the planned timescales.

### **Other information accompanying the financial statements**

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.

### **Whole of Government Accounts**

The Authority prepares a consolidation pack to support the production of Whole of Government Accounts by HM Treasury. We are not required to review your pack in detail as the Authority falls below the threshold where an audit is required. As required by the guidance we have confirmed this with the National Audit Office.

### **Certificate**

We issued our certificate on 27 July 2017. The certificate confirms that we have concluded the audit for 2016/17 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.

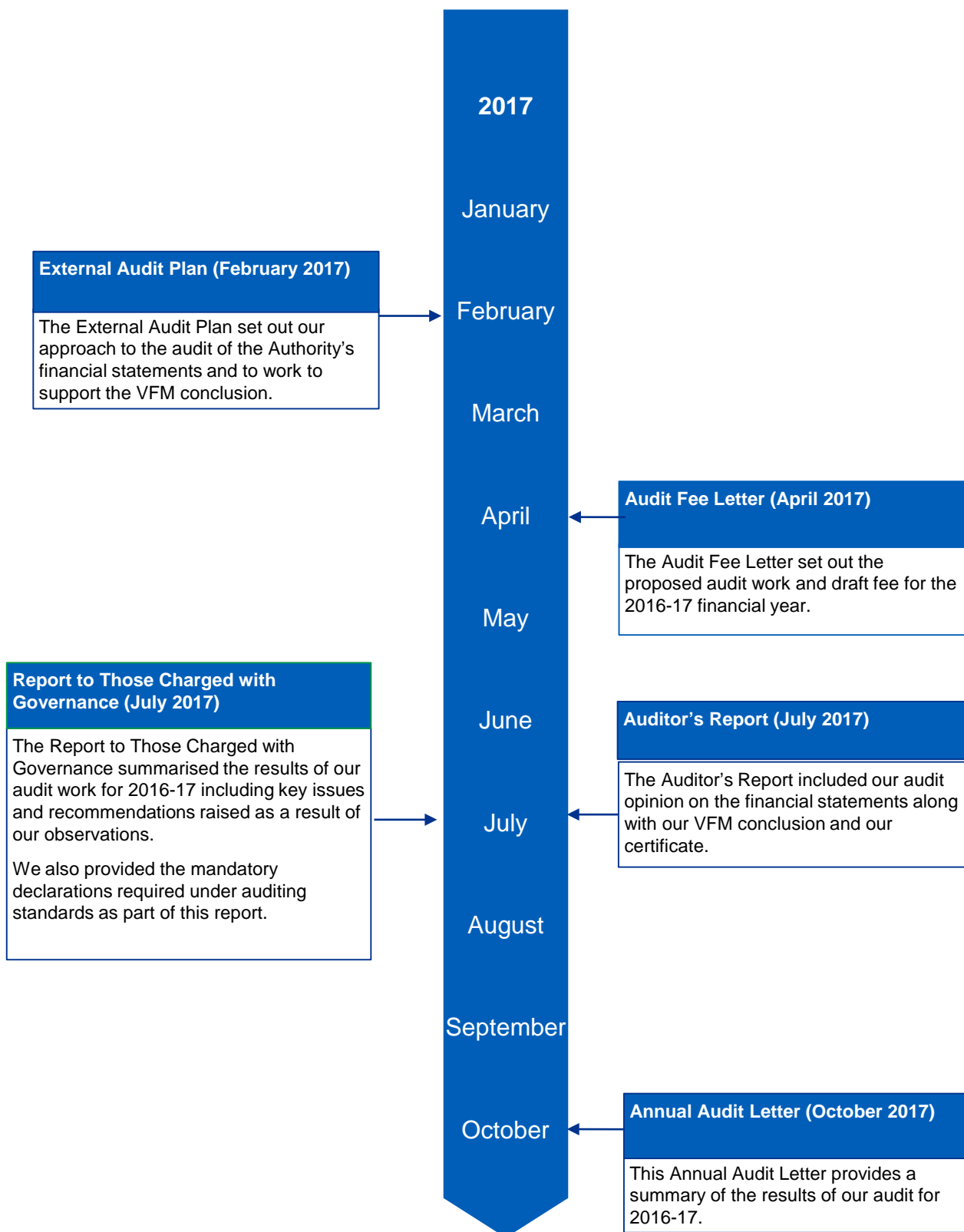
### **Audit fee**

Our fee for 2016/17 was £13,259, excluding VAT, in line with prior year. Further detail is contained in Appendix 2.

## Appendix 1

# Summary of reports issued

This appendix summarises the reports we issued since our last Annual Audit Letter.



## Appendix 2

# Audit fees

This appendix provides information on our final fees for the 2016/17 audit.

To ensure transparency about the extent of our fee relationship with the Authority we have summarised below the outturn against the 2016/17 planned audit fee.

### External audit

Our final fee for the 2016/17 audit of the Authority was £13,259, which is in line with the planned fee.

External audit fees 2016/17  
(£'000)



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