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This report summarises the key findings from our 2013/14 audit of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire ('the PCC') and the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire ('the CC').

Although this letter is addressed to the PCC and the CC, as corporations sole, it is also intended to communicate these issues to key external stakeholders, including members of the public.

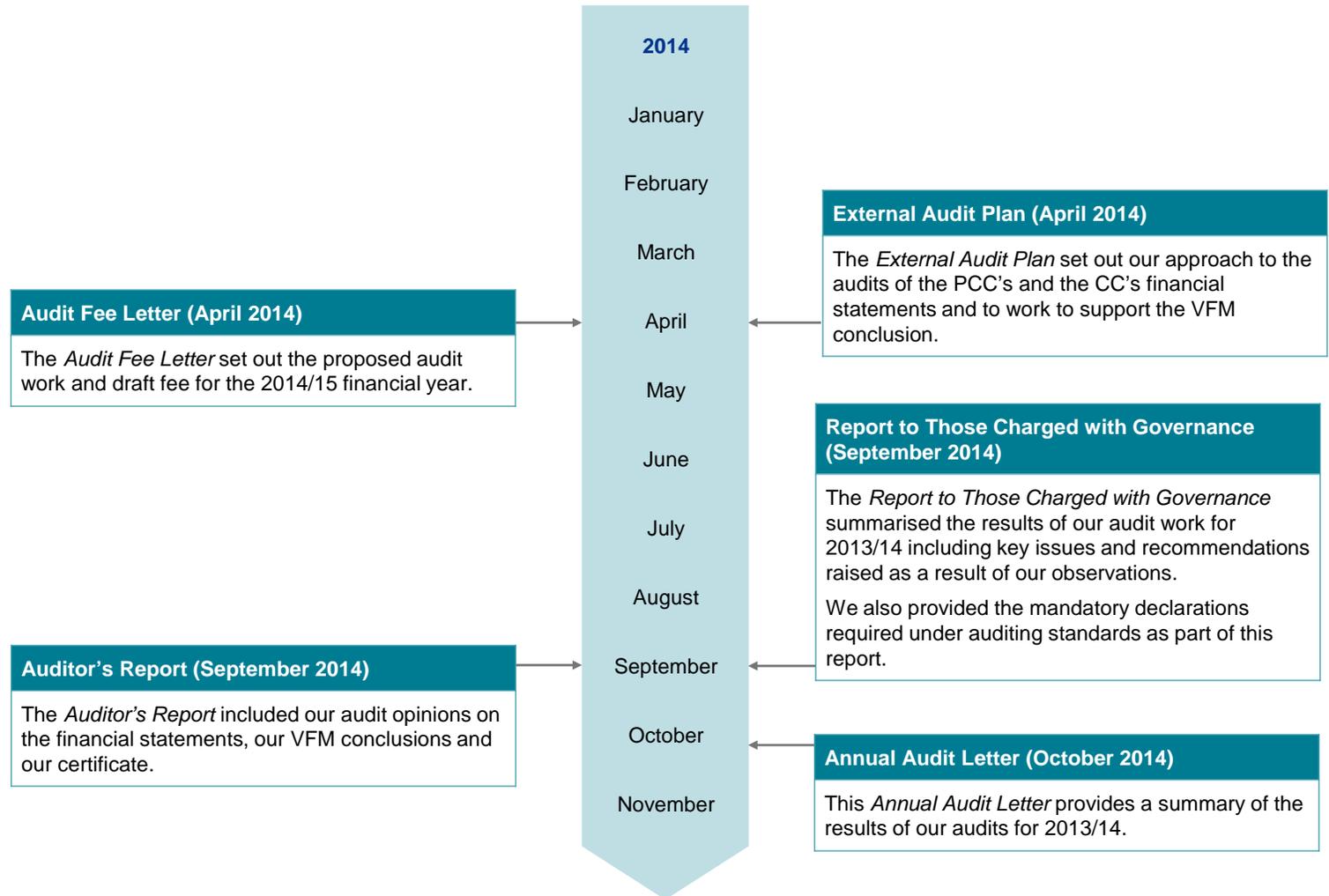
Our audit covers the audit of the 2013/14 financial statements and the 2013/14 VFM arrangements conclusion for the PCC and the CC.

All the issues in this letter have been previously reported. The detailed findings are contained in the reports we have listed in Appendix 1.

Audit opinion	We issued an unqualified opinion on your financial statements on 30 September 2014. This means that we believe the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the PCC and the CC and of their expenditure and income for the year.
Financial statements audit	We have noted the good quality of the accounts and the supporting working papers. Officers dealt efficiently with audit queries and the audit process has been completed within the planned timescales. We have not made any recommendations relating to the financial statements.
VFM conclusion	We issued unqualified conclusions on the PCC's and the CC's arrangements to secure value for money (the VFM arrangements conclusion) for 2013/14 on 30 September 2014. This means we are satisfied that you have proper arrangements for securing financial resilience and challenging how you secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness. To arrive at our conclusion we looked at your financial governance, financial planning and financial control processes, as well as how you are prioritising resources and improving efficiency and productivity.
VFM risk areas	During our planning work we identified a significant risk to our VFM conclusions, in respect of the force's savings plans, and considered the arrangements you have put in place to mitigate this. We were satisfied that the force had taken appropriate actions to mitigate the potential risks.
Annual Governance Statement	We reviewed your <i>Annual Governance Statement</i> and concluded that it was consistent with our understanding.
Whole of Government Accounts	We reviewed the consolidation pack prepared by the PCC to support the production of Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) by HM Treasury. We reported that the PCC's pack was consistent with the audited financial statements.
High priority recommendations	We did not raise any high priority recommendations as a result of our 2013/14 audit work. One medium priority recommendation was raised supporting the force's decision to purchase a specialised fixed asset accounting module to replace the current process which is spreadsheet based.
Certificate	We issued our certificate on 3 October 2014 after completing our review of the WGA reporting pack. The certificate confirms that we have concluded the audit for 2013/14 in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Audit Commission Act 1998</i> and the Audit Commission's <i>Code of Audit Practice</i> .
Audit fee	Our fee for 2013/14 was £85,560, excluding VAT. This is a reduction of seven percent compared to the 2012/13 fees; the fee for 2012/13 had been increased because it was the first year of the new police governance arrangements. 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*.



This appendix provides information on our final fees for 2013/14.

To ensure openness between KPMG, the PCC and the CC about the extent of our fee relationship with you, we have summarised the outturn against the 2013/14 planned audit fee.

External audit

Our final fee for the 2013/14 audits of the PCC and the CC was £85,560. This is in line with the planned fee, and was split as follows:

Element of the audit	2013/14 Fee
Police and Crime Commissioner	£55,560
Chief Constable	£30,000
Total	£85,560

KPMG did not provide any other services to the PCC or the CC.



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