

AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2019/20

REPORT OF: Head of Corporate Resources
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision: No
Report to: Audit Committee
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Purpose of Report

1. This report introduces the auditors' 'Audit Progress Report' and provides some context for Members' consideration.

Recommendations

- I. **That the report be noted.**
 - II. **That the letter to EY from the Chair of the Committee be noted also.**
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Background

2. The Audit Progress Report (attached at Annex 1) sets out the auditor's progress on this year's audit. Unsurprisingly, timescales have been affected by the pandemic but there are two other issues which have led to a short delay. These are detailed within the report.
3. We expect to be able to bring the full Results Report to the next meeting of the Committee and expect that it will contain an unqualified opinion on the accounts.
4. The External Auditor will attend the virtual meeting to present his Progress Report and answer Member's questions.
5. As part of the audit, the Chairman of the Committee has prepared a response to the formal letter to 'those charged with Governance'. This is attached at Annex B for information.

Policy Context

6. These reports and letters form part of the governance framework, and regulations, within which the Council operates.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Financial Implications

8. This report has no financial implications.

Risk Management Implications

9. None.

Equality and Customer Service Implications

10. This report has no such implications.

Other Material Implications

11. This report has no such implications.

Background Papers

None.