

EXTERNAL AUDIT: AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2020/21

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' provisional 'Audit Results Report' and provides some context for Members' consideration.

Recommendations

2. **That the report be received.**
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Background

3. The External Audit is progressing well and is finished save for one matter. The Auditors have prepared a Progress Report for the Committee's consideration. This is attached as an Appendix.
4. Members will appreciate that this year, audits across the sector are once again running late and at an increased cost due to the pandemic still having an effect. However, progress has been made (particularly around asset valuations where agreement has been reached) and all matters are now resolved save for the continued work on the Objection to the Accounts.
5. The External Auditor will attend the virtual meeting to present his report and answer Member's questions.

Policy Context

6. Receiving the report enables the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations.

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.

Sustainability Implications

12. This report has no such implications.

Background Papers

None.