

REPORT TITLE: AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

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REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Cutler – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Auditor's Annual Report is to communicate the key issues arising from the external auditor's work to all councillors and external stakeholders, including members of the public.

The council's external auditor EY, has now presented their Auditor's Annual Report for 2021/22, which is appended to this report. It confirms that the auditor was able to give an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements and that the council has put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in the use of resources. It also details the proposed fees for the audit.

The receipt of the Auditor's Annual Report marks the conclusion of the external audit work in relation to the 2021/22 financial year. The letter has been discussed with officers and is published on the council's website.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee:
  - i. Takes the opportunity to discuss the contents of the Annual Audit Letter 2021/22 and raises any issues with the External Auditors; and
  - ii. Confirms its acceptance of the Annual Audit Letter 2021/22.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2022.