

AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 27 OCTOBER 2020

TITLE OF REPORT: AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2019/20

Report of: Head of Corporate Services and S.151 Officer

Cabinet Member: Councillor James Radley, Finance and Corporate Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Council's External Auditors with the opportunity to report the key findings of their audit to those charged with governance prior, to issuing their opinion on the 2019/20 Statement Accounts. The Draft External Audit Report 2019/20 is to follow and will be issued and attached at **APPENDIX 1**.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members agree to any uncorrected misstatements in Appendix B of the Annual Results Report (**APPENDIX 1**) remaining uncorrected.

2.2 That Members formally note the opinion of the Auditors on the draft Statement of Accounts.

2.3 That in all other respects the report of the External Auditors be noted.

3. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 Ernst & Young LLP, the Council's External Auditors, have completed the majority of their work on the audit of the Council's 2019/20 Statement of Accounts. However, there are some areas which are still outstanding which have prevented the final report being issued. This report summarises the results of their work to date.

3.2 Detailed findings of the audit and recommended actions are provided in **APPENDIX 1** to those charged with governance. External Audit representatives will be at the meeting to discuss their findings in detail.

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The report summarises areas that required additional or special audit procedures in response to areas of specific risk.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – AUDIT RESULTS REPORT