



DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	16 JANUARY 2020	5
ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2018/19			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter for the financial year 2018/19 issued by the Council's external auditors, Deloitte LLP. The Audit Letter details the auditor's opinion on the Council's performance and financial management. The opinion of Deloitte LLP is also provided on the Council's preparation of its financial statements. Deloitte issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's financial statements for 2018/19 on 31st July 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee is recommended to:

Note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter for 2018/19 by Deloitte LLP which is attached to this covering report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

This item is considered each year by the Audit and Standards Committee. It is a statutory requirement that this report is presented to the appropriate committee of the Council. This ensures that members of the committee are aware of the completion of the final stage in the external audit of the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. The attached report has been prepared by the Council's external auditors, Deloitte LLP. It summarises the results of work carried out by Deloitte LLP on the audit of the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report
Legal	No implications arising from this report
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A

Attached documents

Appendix 1 - Report of Deloitte LLP- Annual Audit Letter for 2018/19