

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	20 JULY 2023	6

### EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

#### PUBLIC ITEM

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

#### SUMMARY

The attached report, which has been prepared by the Council's external auditors Deloitte LLP, sets out the key findings arising from the work Deloitte have carried out at the Council for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The report is intended to bring together the results of the external auditor's work over the year, including commentary on the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources ("Value for Money", "VfM"). The report fulfils the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations for an Annual Audit Letter.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is recommended to note the contents of the External Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21 prepared by Deloitte LLP which is attached to this covering report, including the positive Value for Money conclusions made in the report.

#### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

It is a statutory requirement that this report is presented to the appropriate committee of the Council each year. This ensures that members of the committee are aware of the key matters arising from the work that the external auditors have carried out in respect of the audit for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

#### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

#### REPORT

1. The attached report has been prepared by the Council's external auditors, Deloitte LLP. It summarises the key matters arising from the work that has been carried out in respect of the audit for the year ended 31 March 2021.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in 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
None		

Attached documents

Appendix 1 – External Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21