

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10 MARCH 2023

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Recommendation

1. **The Chief Finance Officer recommends that**
 - a) **The External Annual Audit Report 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 be noted;**
 - b) **The Committee considers whether it wishes to receive any further reports on information contained in the report, and;**
 - c) **The Committee considers whether there are any issues arising from the report that it wishes to report to the Council.**

Background

2. This Annual Audit report follows the receipt and discussion of the Audit Findings Reports, which were brought to Committee in November 2022.
3. A representative from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to discuss the Annual Audit report for Committee consideration.
4. Grant Thornton is responsible for producing an Annual Audit Report which brings together all aspects of external inspection work undertaken across the County Council, including the audit work carried out on the accounts. The Annual Audit Report looks back over the 2021/22 year and summarises all of the reports and work that the external auditors have undertaken. The report closes the 2021/22 audit.
5. The report includes the auditor's opinion on the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its resources, and opportunities for improvement.

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Supporting Information

- Appendix: 2021/22 Annual External Audit Report

Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Chief Financial Officer) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.