



**Governance and Audit
Committee**

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**Subject: Report to those charged with Governance - External Audit
Completion Report - ISA 260**

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To present to those charged with Governance,
the External Audit Report on the quality of the
Statement of Accounts and

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That members accept the content of this report and bear in mind any
recommendations when approving the Annual Statement of Accounts

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 details the powers and responsibilities of Auditors.

Financial : FIN/127/22/TJB

The scale fee for the External Audit is £33,420

Additional fees are estimated to be £19,067 and relate to additional work and testing required to increase the audit quality expectations, new auditing standards and as required by the new Code of Audit Practice

Staffing : None from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : None from this report

Data Protection Implications : Data has been shared for audit purposes.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None from this report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations : None from this report

Health Implications: None from this report

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.**

Risk Assessment :

None from this report

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The report to those charged with governance is attached at appendix A. Whilst the audit is yet to be fully concluded, the headlines of the report include;
- Anticipate an unqualified Audit Opinion on the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts
 - Anticipate having no significant weaknesses to report in relation to Value for Money
 - The Whole of Government Accounts have not yet been issued to authorities to complete and the Auditor awaits instructions from the National Audit Office
 - There have been no public objections to the accounts
- 1.2 The auditor has highlighted within the report three significant risks and provides details of how these risks were addressed and their conclusion on the risks listed below;
- Management override of controls
 - Net Pension Liability
 - Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment
- 1.3 The auditor highlights the management judgement on our Minimum Revenue Provision Policy in relation to Investment Properties and recognises that a voluntary revenue provision was made in 2020/21.
- 1.4 The audit has not identified any significant internal control deficiencies.
- 1.5 The auditor details two material adjustments to the draft Statement of Accounts, relating to the Pension Liability valuation and the clarification, after the publication of the draft statements of a change in the treatment of the Additional Restrictions Grant.
- 1.6 The report will be presented by Mark Dalton, Director, Mazars LLP