



Audit Committee



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Report for:	Audit Committee
Title of report:	External Audit Annual Audit Plan 2022-23
Date:	26 th July 2023
Report on behalf of:	Councillor Sally Symington, Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Commercial Services
Part:	I
If Part II, reason:	N/A
Appendices:	Appendix A- External Audit Annual Audit Plan
Background papers:	None.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	None.

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Corporate Priorities	Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery
Wards affected	All
Purpose of the report:	1. To provide committee with the external audit plan for 2022-23.
Recommendation to the decision maker:	1. Note the external audit plan for 2022-23.
Period for post policy/project review:	The Council's final accounts for 2022-23 will be presented to Audit Committee for approval in September 2023.

1 Background

The External Auditor's Audit Plan for the audit of the 2022-23 accounts is attached at Appendix A to this report. The purpose of the plan is to summarise the External Auditor's approach to the 2022-23 audit process. The plan will be presented at the July 2023 Audit Committee meeting by the Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton.

2 Financial and value for money implications

These are contained at Appendix A to this report.

3 Legal Implications

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish its final accounts for 2022-23 by 30 September 2022-23. The External Audit plan supports the achievement of this obligation.

4 Risk implications

These are contained within Appendix A to this report.-

5 Equalities, Community Impact and Human Rights

There are no direct Equalities, Community Impact and Human Rights implications arising from this report.

6 Sustainability implications

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

7 Council infrastructure (including Health and Safety, HR/OD, assets and other resources)

There a no direct infrastructure implications arising from this report.

8 Conclusion

The External Audit Plan for 2022-23 sets out the External Auditor's approach to the 2022-23 audit process.

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