

27 September 2017

Audit Committee

Final Statement of Accounts 2016/17 & Audit Results Report.

Report of: *John Chance, Finance Director*

Wards Affected: *N/A*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the Committee with the findings of the External Auditors in respect of the audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 **That the Draft Audit Results Report 2016/17 in Appendix A is agreed.**
- 2.2 **That the Letter of Representation in Appendix B is agreed.**
- 2.3 **That the Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 in Appendix C is approved.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The Council's External Auditors; Ernst & Young have substantially completed their audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17. Their findings are included within the Draft Audit Results Report attached as Appendix A.
- 3.2 Members are asked to review the Draft Audit Results Report and agree its contents. This report was received as a Draft on 22nd September 2017. External Auditors will update the status of the audit on the night of Audit Committee.
- 3.3 Members are asked to review the Letter of Representation, attached as Appendix C, and agree its contents.

- 3.4 On 5th July Audit Committee, members Recommended for the Final Audited Statement of Accounts to be approved by the committee, this is attached as Appendix C.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 A system of sound financial control and governance arrangements underpins all of the services and priorities of the Council.

5. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 5.1 The financial implications are considered in the report.

Legal Implications

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- 5.2 All relevant legal considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report.

6. Appendices to this report

Appendix A – Draft Audit Results Report.

Appendix B – Letter of Representation.

Appendix C – Statement of Account 2016/17.

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