

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
16 SEPTEMBER 2020**

ITEM NO.

EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019-20

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the External Audit Plan for 2019-20.

Information and Analysis

2. Attached at **Appendix A** is a copy of the External Audit Planning Report for 2019-20 prepared by the Council's appointed external auditors, Ernst & Young (EY).
3. This report was originally programmed to go to the April 2020 Audit Committee but due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was distributed separately for Members attention but has it been brought back for formal approval.
4. A representative from EY will attend the meeting to present the Plan.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that the External Audit Plan for 2019-20 be noted.

Reason

6. The recommendation is supported to enable the Audit Committee to consider the content of the External Audit Plan 2019-20.

**Paul Wildsmith
Managing Director**

Background Papers

External Audit Plan 2019-20

Peter Carrick: Extension 5401

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the strategy beyond the report comprising part of the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	The report does not impact upon Looked After Children or Care Leavers.
