

**CABINET
9 FEBRUARY 2021**

ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Charles Johnson,
Resources Portfolio**

**Responsible Director – Paul Wildsmith,
Managing Director**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20.

Summary

2. The Annual Audit Letter (**Appendix 1**) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2019/20 audit work undertaken by Ernst and Young LLP (EY), the Council's external auditors, for the benefit of Members and other interested stakeholders.
3. The Letter will be presented at the meeting by a representative from EY.
4. The letter confirms the Council's accounts give a true and fair view for the year ending 31 March 2020, and that the Council have put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Annual Audit Letter be noted.

Reasons

6. The recommendation is supported to enable Cabinet to receive the results of external audit work carried out.

**Paul Wildsmith
Managing Director**

Background Papers
Annual Audit Letter 2019/20

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 and Climate Change	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 a reflection on the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	The External Auditors concluded that the Council had put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers