

**CABINET
7 NOVEMBER 2023**

AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

**Responsible Cabinet Member -
Councillor Mandy Porter, Resources Portfolio**

**Responsible Director -
Elizabeth Davison, Group Director of Operations**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Auditor's Annual Report and Auditor's Certificate for 2020/21

Summary

2. The Auditors Annual Report (Appendix 1) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2020/21 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 Report and Certificate (Appendix 2) confirm the Council's accounts give a true and fair view for the year ending 31 March 2021 and that the Council have put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Auditor's Annual Report and Auditor's Certificate be noted.

Reasons

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

**Elizabeth Davison
Group Director of Operations**

Background Papers

Audit Committee Report September 2023

Audit Results Report Year ended 31 March 2021

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.
Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	There is no specific relevance to the plan 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