

**TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**19 July 2023**

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**EXTERNAL AUDIT: AUDIT RESULTS REPORT - 2020/21 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Executive Director: Resources)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report advises Members of a report by the Council's external auditor summarising the work carried out to discharge their statutory audit responsibilities.

**2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Code of Audit Practice requires the external auditor to provide a summary of the work they carried out to discharge their statutory audit responsibilities to 'those charged with governance'. It is also a requirement that this summary be considered ahead of the signing of the accounts by the external auditor.
- 2.2 It was not possible to meet the 30 September deadline due to delays in the completion of the Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund audit by Deloitte LLP. Now that the detailed audit work is complete, the external auditor has issued a report. Andrew Brittain of Ernst & Young will be at the meeting to present the report and answer queries. The report is attached.

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