

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Nicola Wright, Partner, Deloitte
Date of Meeting:	30 September 2021

EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/2021

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider Deloitte's External Audit Plan 2020/2021.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the plan and make any recommendations considered appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure overview of the Council's External Audit Plan.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

6.0 Background Information

6.1 The Council's external auditors are required to review and report on the Council's:

- Financial statements (including the Annual Governance Statement), providing an opinion on the accounts; and
- Use of Resources, concluding on the arrangements in place for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources (value for money).

6.2 The audit planning process and risk assessment is an ongoing process and the assessment and fees in the plan will be kept under review and updated where required.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 10(a) - Planning report to the Audit Committee for the year ending 31 March 2021.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 See attached report at Appendix 10(a).

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.