

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Ms Nicola Wright, External Auditor, Deloitte Mr Stuart Kenny, External Auditor, Deloitte
Date of meeting:	19 October 2023

EXTENAL AUDIT PLAN 2021/2022

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To consider the External Audit Plan 2021-2022

2.0 Recommendation(s)

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

3.0 Reason 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 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 and key 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? Yes / No

7.0 List of appendices

7.1 Appendix 5(a) – External Audit Plan 2021-2022

8.0 Financial considerations

8.1 See Appendix 5(a).

9.0 Legal considerations

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations

10.1 See Appendix 5(a).

11.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people

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.