REPORT TO: AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: 11

DATE OF 19 JUNE 2024 CATEGORY:

MEETING: DELEGATED or RECOMMENDED

REPORT FROM: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - OPEN

RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION

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SUBJECT: AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Sub-Committee note the report attached as Appendix 1

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 The accompanying report has been issued by the Council's auditors Ernst and Young LLP (EY).

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 EY are the council's appointed auditors to 2023/24.
- 3.2 Hayley Clark, Partner, will be present at the meeting to present the report.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The scale fees paid to EY are prescribed by the PSAA (Public Sector Audit Appointments) and are included in the budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 There are no employment implications arising because of this report.

Legal Implications

5.2 There are no legal implications arising because of this report.

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 There are no direct implications, however effective governance, risk management and control arrangements ensure the achievement of the Council Plan.

Risk Impact

5.4 Effective governance, risk management and control arrangements rely heavily on the assurances of an independent external auditor.

7.0 Community Impact

Consultation

7.1 There are no consultation matters to be considered.

Equality and Diversity Impact

7.2 There are no equality and diversity impact matters to be considered.

Social Value Impact

7.3 There are no social value impact matters to be considered.

Environmental Sustainability

7.4 There are no environmental sustainability matters to be considered.

8.0 Background papers

8.1 Interim Value for Money report, Audit Sub-Committee 6 March 2024