

## **Report of the Treasurer**

### **External Audit Findings Report and Letter of Representation 2021/22**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To put forward the Audit Findings Report for consideration and to recommend approval of the Letter of Representation.
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#### ***The Treasurer recommends:***

- i. that the Audit Findings Report is considered before approving the Statement of Accounts; and*
- ii. the Letter of Representation is approved.*

#### **Audit Findings Report 2021/22**

2. The Audit Findings Report, which is attached as Appendix 1, and will be presented by the External Auditor, sets out any issues that the Authority should consider before approving the accounts. It provides the draft audit opinion and Value for Money conclusion and it is pleasing to note that once again these are clear.
3. Earlier drafts of the report were considered by the Audit and Standards Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
4. Appendix 2 is the Letter of Representation which the Authority will need to approve before it can be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and the Audit can be formally concluded.

#### **Conclusion**

5. The Treasurer recommends that the External Audit Findings Report 2021/22 including an opinion on the 2021/22 accounts be noted and the letter of representation be approved on behalf of the Authority.

## Corporate Considerations

<b>Resource Implications</b> (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	n/a
<b>Strategic Policy Links &amp; Core Code of Ethics</b> (Identify how proposals link with current priorities & policy framework and align to the Core Code of Ethics)	n/a
<b>Risk Management / Health &amp; Safety</b> (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	n/a
<b>Consultation</b> (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	n/a
<b>Equalities</b> (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	n/a
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b> (where personal data is processed a DPIA must be completed to ensure compliant handling)	n/a

## Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Audit Findings Report 2021/22

Appendix 2 – Letter of Representation 2021/22