

Report of the Treasurer

Audit Progress and External Audit Findings Reports 2019/20

Purpose of report

1. To put forward the External Auditors' Reports for consideration and to recommend approval of the Letter of Representation.
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Recommendations

The Treasurer recommends that:

- i) the Audit Progress Report and Sector Update 2019/20 be noted;*
- ii) the External Audit Findings Report 2019/20 including an unqualified opinion on the 2019/20 accounts be noted; and*
- iii) the letter of representation be approved on behalf of the Authority.*

Audit Progress Report & Sector Update 2019/20

2. The full report is set out in Appendix 1, and the External Auditor will present the progress and context of the Audit.

Audit Findings Report 2019/20

3. The Audit Findings Report, is attached as Appendix 2, and will be presented by the External Auditor, sets out any issues that the Committee 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.
4. Appendix 3 is the letter of representation which the Committee will need to approve before it can be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and the Audit can be formally concluded.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	No
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	No

Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	No
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	No
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	N/a

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Audit Progress Report & Sector Update 2019/20

Appendix 2 – Audit Findings Report 2019/20

Appendix 3 – Letter of Representation 2019/20