

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 23 July 2018

Report of: Director of Finance and Resources

Subject: EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT RESULTS REPORT

SUMMARY

The Committee is asked to consider the External Auditor's Annual Results Report (Appendix A), summarising the findings from the 2017/18 audit which is now substantially complete.

Having considered the findings of the External Auditor and the Statement of Accounts, a "letter of representation" will be sent from the Council's Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance and Resources) to the External Auditor. This will enable the External Auditor to issue their audit report on the Council's financial statements. The Statement of Accounts can then be published by the statutory publication deadline, 31 July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that: -

- (a) the Committee notes the contents of the Annual Results Report (Appendix A); and
- (b) the Director of Finance and Resources and the Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee sign the Letter of Representation, subject to the external auditors completing their outstanding procedures and any further amendments to the accounts being agreed by the Director of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

Enquiries:

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