

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Audit and Governance Committee**

**Date:** 22 July 2019

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**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 2018/19 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 (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) 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 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that: -

- (a) the Audit and Governance Committee notes the contents of the Annual Results Report (Appendix A); and
- (b) the Deputy Chief Executive Officer 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 Deputy Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee.

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** None

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