

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 15 March 2021

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Subject: EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20

SUMMARY

This report presents the External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter which summarises the findings from the 2019/20 audit.

The Audit and Governance Committee's area of responsibility for External Audit includes:

- a) To support the independence of external audit through consideration of the external auditor's annual assessment of its independence and review of any issues raised by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA).*
- b) To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.*
- c) To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.*
- d) To advise and recommend on the effectiveness of relationships between external and internal audit and other inspection agencies or relevant bodies*

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Committee notes the contents of the Annual Audit Letter 2019/20 submitted by the Council's external auditors, attached as Appendix A.

Appendix A: Ernst and Young Annual Audit Letter 2019-20

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Ltd.

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