Report to:	Audit and Governance Committee	Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 14 December 2022
Subject:	Audit Planning Repo	rt 2021/2022	
Report of:	Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

## Summary:

To present the Audit Planning Report for 2021/2022 from the Council's external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP (EY).

# Recommendation(s):

The Audit and Governance Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the Ernst & Young LLP Audit Planning Report for 2021/2022.

#### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

So that the Audit and Governance Committee is aware of how EY intend to carry out their responsibilities as auditor relating to the 2021/2022 audit.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** (including any Risk Implications) None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

- (A) Revenue Costs None
- (B) Capital Costs

None

#### Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):		
None		
Legal Implications:		
None		
Equality Implications:		
There are no equality implications		

## **Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Effective Financial Management and Reporting support each theme of the Councils Core Purpose.

# Protect the most vulnerable: See comment above

# Facilitate confident and resilient communities:

See comment above

# Commission, broker and provide core services:

See comment above

## Place – leadership and influencer:

See comment above

#### Drivers of change and reform:

See comment above

#### Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:

See comment above

#### **Greater income for social investment:**

See comment above

#### **Cleaner Greener:**

See comment above

#### What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

#### (A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services is the author of this report (FD 7055/22).

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 5255/22) has been consulted and has no comments on the report.

## (B) External Consultations

None

# Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee.

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#### **Appendices:**

The following appendix is attached to this report:

Appendix A - Audit Planning Report 2021/2022 - Ernst & Young LLP

## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

#### 1 EY Audit Planning Report 2021/2022

1.1 The Council's external auditor, Ernst and Young LLP (EY) were engaged to undertake the Council's audit for 2021/2022. Attached as **Appendix A** is their Audit Planning Report which sets out how they intend to carry out their responsibilities as auditor. This includes setting out an overview of the 2021/2022 audit strategy including an assessment of key risks and the planned audit strategy in response to those risks.