

## **External Audit - Annual Audit Letter**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To summarise the key findings from the external audit work carried out in respect of the 2018/19 financial year and detail the audit fees charged.

### **Recommendation**

2. The Audit Committee is asked to note the report and the content of the Annual Audit Letter.

### **Introduction**

3. The review of the Annual Audit Letter is included within the remit of the Audit Committee under its terms of reference as follows:
  - “To consider the reports of external audit including the Annual Audit Letter and seek assurance from management that action has been taken.”
  - “To review and approve the annual Statement of Accounts, external auditor’s opinion and reports to members and monitor management action in response to issues raised.”
4. The 2018/19 Annual Audit Letter attached to the report confirms:
  - An unqualified opinion in respect of the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts.
  - The Auditors were satisfied that the Council put in place proper arrangements to ensure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources during 2018/19 financial year.
  - The fees charged for 2018/19 for the statutory audit were £37,943. Additional fees of £4,500, subject to PSAA (Public Sector Audit Appointments) approval due to the scope of the audit changing.

### **Financial Implications**

5. There are no financial implications in accepting this report and the associated recommendations.

**Background Papers:** *SSDC Audit Findings Report*

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