

**Somerset West and Taunton Shadow Council – Decisions taken by the SWT Audit, Governance and Standards Committee on Wednesday,  
31 July 2019**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A7</b>	Fire Risk Assessment	<b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee noted the report.
<b>A8</b>	Annual Governance Statement 2018-19	<b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee noted the Annual Governance Statements for 2018-19.
<b>A9</b>	Assessment of Going Concern Status	<b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee noted the assessment made of the Councils' status as a 'going concern' as a basis for preparing their 2018-19 Statement of Accounts.
<b>A10</b>	Grant Thornton External Audit - West Somerset Council Audit Findings Report 2018-19	<b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee noted: a) The report from our External Auditor on West Somerset Council's Statement of Accounts for 2018-19; and b) The Auditor's unqualified value for money conclusion.
<b>A11</b>	Approval of West Somerset Council Statement of Accounts 2018-19	<b>Recommended</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee:- a) Noted the Auditor's unqualified opinion on the Statement of Accounts; b) Approved the Statement of Accounts in principle and delegated authority to the Chair of the Committee to sign the accounts once the audit work was completed; and c) Endorsed the Chair of the Committee to sign the management letter of representation in respect of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.
<b>A12</b>	Grant Thornton External Audit - Taunton Deane Borough Council Audit Findings Report 2018-19	<b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee noted:- a) The progress and matters in the Audit Findings Report from the Auditor on TDBC's Financial Statement of Accounts; and b) The Auditor's unqualified value for money conclusion.

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<b>A13</b>	Approval of Taunton Deane Borough Council Statement of Accounts 2018-19	<p><b>Resolved</b> that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted the progress of the Audit and that the Audit Opinion was not anticipated to be issued by 31 July 2019;</li> <li>b) Considered and noted the Draft Statement of Accounts 2018-19 for information; and</li> <li>c) Noted the final audited Statement of Accounts would be presented to the Committee for approval as soon as reasonably practical following the receipt of the final Audit Findings Report included in the Auditor’s Opinion.</li> </ul>