



## External Audit – Annual Audit Letter

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## Purpose of the Report

To summarise the key findings from the external audit work carried out in respect of the 2019/20 financial year and detail the audit fees charged.

## Recommendations

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

## Introduction

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.”

The 2019/20 Annual Audit Letter attached to the report confirms:

- An unqualified opinion in respect of the 2019/20 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 for the year ending 31 March 2020.
- The fees charged for 2019/20 for the statutory audit were £37,943. Additional fees of £31,816, subject to PSAA (Public Sector Audit Appointments) approval due to the scope of the audit changing and the impact of COVID19. A detailed breakdown of the total fee of £69,759 is on pages 13 and 14 within the Audit Findings Report.



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District Council  
**Financial Implications**

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

### **Background Papers**

- SSDC Audit Findings Report
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