

Item

EXTERNAL AUDIT OUTLINE AUDIT PLAN 2019/20

To:

Civic Affairs Committee 08/07/20

Report by:

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Wards affected:

None directly affected

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The attached outline audit plan (Appendix 1) from Ernst & Young (EY) summarises their approach to the audit of the financial statements and value for money (VFM) conclusion for 2019/20.
- 1.2 The plan also highlights what EY consider to be the most significant audit risks.
- 1.3 EY staff will be available to discuss their report and answer any detailed questions arising from it.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the contents of the external audit plan are noted.

3. Background

3.1 In line with the National Audit Office Code of Audit Practice, EY are required to review and report on the council's

- Financial statements; and
- Arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources to the extent required by the relevant legislation and requirements of the code of Audit Practice (the value for money (VFM) conclusion)

3.2 The attached outline audit plan details the approach that EY will use in relation to the 2019/20 audit. It specifies the work they will undertake, when they anticipate undertaking this work and how they will report their findings. It also details EY's assessment of the key risks with regard to the financial statements.

4. Implications

a) Financial Implications

The proposed audit fee relating to the costs of the audit work is included within the audit plan. A significant increase is proposed for which additional budget will be sought through the council's budget setting processes.

b) Staffing Implications

None

c) Equality and Poverty Implications

None

d) Environmental Implications

None.

e) Procurement Implications

None

f) Community Safety Implications

None

5. Consultation and communication considerations

None.

6. Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – EY Outline Audit Plan for the year ended 31 March 2020

8. Inspection of papers

If you have a query on the report please contact Caroline Ryba, Head of Finance, tel: 01223 - 458134, email: caroline.ryba@cambridge.gov.uk.