

AUDIT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
25 NOVEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Cecilie Booth, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Mohammed Jamil, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance
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EY ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Cecilie Booth, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer	Deadline date: 25 November 2024
It is recommended that the Audit Committee reviews the Auditors updated Audit Results Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 and 2023 from Ernst & Young (EY) on behalf of the Council.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the Auditors Completion Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 and 2023 from Ernst & Young (EY) on behalf of the Council.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This is the report covering the requirement of the NAO Code of Audit Practice for EY to issue an Annual Audit Report to Those Charged with Governance (the Audit Committee) following the receipt of Peterborough City Council Audit Completion Report for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023. This means that the 2021/22 and 2022/23 audit is now almost complete.

This report is for the Audit Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference:

2.2.1.19 To review the annual statement of accounts, specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the council.

2.2.1.20 To consider the external auditors report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

2.2.2.5 To consider the external auditors report to those charged with governance and

2.2.2.7 To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 This is the report covering the requirement of the NAO Code of Audit Practice for EY to issue an Annual Audit Report to Those Charged with Governance (the Audit Committee) following conclusion of the audit and issue of the audit certificate.

EY have confirmed that following “The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024” (the SI) which imposed a backstop date of 13 December 2024 by which date they are required to issue an opinion on the financial statements. They have determined that they cannot meet the objectives of the ISAs (UK) imposed by the backstop date which means that they cannot complete all necessary procedures to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to support the opinion and fulfil all the objectives of all relevant ISAs (UK). EY anticipate issuing a disclaimed audit opinion for both 2021/22 and 2022/23 Financial years.

5. **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

5.1 The annual accounts audit links to the Sustainable Future City Council priority to ensure contributions are made appropriately.

Further information on the Council’s Priorities can be found here - [Link to Corporate Strategy and Priorities Webpage](#)

6. **CONSULTATION**

6.1 Not applicable.

7. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

7.1 There are no corrections or changes required.

8. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 The recommendation is to note the report.

9. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9.1 The audit is required by statute.

10. **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial Implications

10.1 There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

10.2 There are no legal implications.

Equalities Implications

10.3 There are no equalities implications.

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix A – EY Audit Report

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