

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	External Audit – 2021/22 Audit Results Report		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	2 October 2023		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	EY LLP (External Auditor)		
<b><u>CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>			
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
N/A			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
<p>The Audit Results Report summarises the findings from the 2021/22 audit. It includes messages arising from the audit of the Council's financial statements and the work undertaken to assess the Council's arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.</p> <p>The report summarises the status of the audit, which is substantially complete. This report updates the Committee members since EY provided a previous version to the 24 April 2023 Governance Committee, particularly due to the conclusions we have drawn in our assessment of the Council's financial position and the impact on our audit report.</p>			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	To note the 2021/22 Audit Results Report as attached	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	Please see summary above.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	See summary above and attached Audit Results Report		
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>			
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>			
4.	None		
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>			
5.	None		
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>			

<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>		
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</li> <li>Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>		
7.	None	
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>		
8.	None	
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>		
9.	None	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	2021/22 Southampton City Council Audit Results Report	
2.	Letter of Representation	
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>		
1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>		<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	None	