

# ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 28 JULY 2022

**SUBJECT:** Response to Ernst & Young on the Annual Assurance Letter Regarding Governance Arrangements

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**DATE:** July 2022  
**EXTN:** 37561  
**PORTFOLIO AREA:** Corporate Support

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee is requested to provide a response to Ernst & Young (the Council's external auditors) in respect of the oversight of management's processes for identifying and reporting the risk of fraud and possible breaches of internal control in the Council

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to approve the response to be sent to the external auditors by the Chair

### 1. BACKGROUND:

As part of the background work in preparing for the annual audit of the Council's Accounts, the external auditors request information on the risk of fraud and possible breaches of internal control in the Council from the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee, on behalf of 'those charged with governance'. (Separate responses are also requested by the external auditors from the Section 151 Officer, the Internal Audit Manager and the Monitoring Officer).

A response has been drafted and is presented to the Committee

### 2. PROPOSAL(S):

It is proposed that the Committee approves the response to be sent to the external auditors by the Chair

### 3. OPTIONS:

To Committee may require changes to be made to the draft response to be sent to the external auditors

<b>4. CONSULTATION:</b>		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
<b>5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Financial		✓
Legal		✓
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓
<b>6. IMPLICATIONS: N/A</b>		

**7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:**  
The Committee approves the response to be sent to the external auditors by the Chair

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**  
N/A