

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2019

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DATE: November 2019

EXTN: 37568

PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2019 is attached to this report. The Annual Audit letter is produced by the Council's external Auditors EY and forms part of the regulatory framework. The Annual Audit letter brings the 2018/19 audit to a conclusion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is requested to note the Annual Audit Letter from the Council's external auditors EY.

1. BACKGROUND:

The Council's external auditors EY reported the detailed findings from the 2018/19 audit in the Audit Results Report, which was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee, before approving the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019, on 30 August 2019. The Annual Audit letter brings the 2018/19 audit to a conclusion.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

The purpose of the Annual Audit Letter is for the Council's external auditors to communicate the key issues arising from the external audit work, which they consider should be brought to the attention of all the members of the Council and external stakeholders, including the public. Members are given the opportunity to raise any issues with the external auditors EY who will be presenting the Audit Letter.

3. OPTIONS:

n/a

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓

5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO

YES

NO

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)		
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)		
6. IMPLICATIONS:		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:
 To ensure that members of the Committee are fully informed about of the key issues raised by the audit for 2019/20.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:
 None