

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee	
MEETING DATE:	25th September 2024	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	External Audit - Update	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 – External Update Report Appendix 2 – Audit Findings Report for the Avon Pension Fund Appendix 3 – Annual Audit Report - TO FOLLOW		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The External Auditor will update the Committee on their work to complete the audit of the Council's Accounts. In addition this will include presentation of the Audit Findings report for the Avon Pension Fund and Annual Audit report which includes the VFM assessment for the Council.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to –

Note the Audit Update Report, Audit Findings Report for the Avon Pension Fund and Annual Audit report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no new financial implications from this report directly.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The External Auditor provide a verbal update on progress to complete this year's audit, which is planned to be presented to the Audit Committee on the 27th November.

4.2 Appendix 1 outlines the work carried out so far on the audit of the accounts and remaining tasks. Appendix 2 details the findings from the audit of the Pension Fund Accounts as this is now complete and Appendix 3 outlines the External Audit Annual Report which includes the Council's VFM assessment.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A proportionate risk assessment has been carried out in relation to the Councils risk management guidance. There are not any significant risks or issues to report to the Committee as a result of this report.

6. EQUALITIES

6.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been carried out using corporate guidelines, no significant issues to report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Section 151 Finance Officer.

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Background papers	
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