| Bath & North East Somerset Council  |                                      |                                   |  |
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| MEETING:                            | Corporate Audit Committee            |                                   |  |
| MEETING<br>DATE:                    | 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025      | AGENDA<br>ITEM<br>NUMBER          |  |
| TITLE:                              | External Audit – Annual Audit Report | EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: |  |
| AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM                 |                                      |                                   |  |
| List of attachments to this report: |                                      |                                   |  |
| Appendix 1 – Annual Audit Report    |                                      |                                   |  |

#### 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The External Auditor will update the Committee on their Annual Audit report which includes the VFM assessment for the Council.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to -

Note the 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 will provide a verbal update on the External Audit Annual Report (Appendix 1) 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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