

**NON EXEMPT**

## **HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**Audit and Finance Committee**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **ANNUAL AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2020/21**

#### **FOR NOTING**

**Portfolio: Portfolio Holder for Finance  
Cllr Inkster**

**Key Decision: No**

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report is submitted to the Audit & Finance Committee to present the Audit Results Report for the year ending 31 March 2021.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1. Audit & Finance Committee is recommended to note the report.

#### **3.0 Executive Summary**

3.1. The Audit Results Report presents the outcome of the Audit of the Statement of Accounts and the Value for Money conclusion for the financial year ending 31 March 2021

3.2. The reports states than in the Auditor's our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of Havant Borough Council as at 31 March 2021 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21.

3.3. Unfortunately, due to delays in the audit, the accounts have not been signed off within the statutory deadline of 30 November 2021.

#### **4.0 Additional Budgetary Implications**

4.1. None

#### **5.0 Background**

5.1. It is a legal requirement that the Council has an external auditor in place. Our external auditor is Ernst & Young who audits the annual accounts.

5.2. The Audit & Finance Committee approved the scope and approach for the audit of the financial statement. The draft audit results report is attached.

#### **6.0 Resource Implications**

6.1 Financial Implications - none

6.2 Human Resources Implications – none

6.3 Information Governance Implications – none

6.4 Other Resource Implication - none.

#### **7.0 Legal Implications**

7.1 The Annual Audit Report and Statutory Accounts are required to be noted and agreed. If this requirement is not met then the Council will have failed to meet its statutory obligations

#### **8.0 Communication**

8.1. The Annual Audit Report and Statutory Accounts will be made publicly available on the Council's website.

#### **9.0 Appendices:**

Appendix A: Annual Audit Report

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