

External Auditor's Report

Purpose: For review

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Summary

The Council is invited to consider the external audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 which has been prepared by Scrutton Bland, independent external auditors.

The External Auditor's report was reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 14 March 2023.

Recommendation

The Council is invited to note the External Auditor's report

Risk management

Where appropriate the CLC's arrangements for risk management, governance and internal control are included within the independent external auditors' report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications specific to this report.

The external auditors report provides an opinion as to whether the CLC's financial statements are a true and fair view of the CLC's affairs at the year end.

Regulatory Objectives

The External Auditor's report supports the following regulatory objectives in particular:

1. protect and promote the public interest
2. support the constitutional principle of the rule of law
3. protect and promote the interests of consumers
4. promote and maintain adherence to the professional principles

Diversity and Inclusion Implications

There are no diversity and inclusion implications specific to this report.

Communication requirements

The External Auditor's report has been prepared for the Council. The Annual Financial Statements will be published when finalised.

Publication

The external auditor's report has been prepared in confidence and is not for publication.