



**Melton
Borough
Council**

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Audit & Standards Committee

Date 24 September 2019

Report of: **External Auditor**

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

1.0 Summary:

1.1 The external auditors Annual Audit Letter informs the Committee on matters arising from the audit of the financial statements, consistency of information published with these statements and the results of the work undertaken to assess the Council's arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **To note the External Auditors Annual Audit Letter.**

3.0 Report Detail

3.1 The Council has received an unqualified audit opinion on the Statement of Accounts and confirmation that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 31 March 2019.

3.2 The Auditors have also concluded that other information published with the financial statements was consistent with the Annual Accounts and that the Council has made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

4.0 Consultation and Feedback

4.1 The report will be made available to the public in the local press in line with statutory requirements and published on the Council's website.

5.0 Next Steps

5.1 None – the Audit and Standards Committee oversee external audit matters.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications, the Council has received an unqualified audit opinion.

7.0 Legal and Governance Implications:

7.1 Chapter 2, Part 6 of the Melton Borough Council Constitution states that the Audit and Standards Committee will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring the performance of External Audit recommendations.

8.0 Equality and Safeguarding Implications:

8.1 There are no equality and safeguarding implications.

9.0 Community Safety Implications:

9.1 There are no community safety implications.

10.0 Other Implications

10.1 There are no other implications.

11.0 Risk & Mitigation:

11.1 No matters have been reported with regard to significant risks.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers.

Appendices

Appendix A – External Audit Annual Audit Letter

Report Timeline:	Date of sign-off:
Equalities Check & Challenge	N/A
SLT Sign off	N/A
Previously Considered by Cabinet	N/A
Director Approval	12/09/2019
Chief Finance Officer Sign Off	N/A
Monitoring Officer Sign Off	N/A

Report Author & Job Title

Report of the External Auditor – Ernst & Young LLP