

MINUTE EXTRACT

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

98 2023/24 EXTERNAL ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

The Director of Finance brought forward a recommendation of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, held on 28 January 2025.

That the Policy & Resources Committee is requested to recommend to Council the approval of the External Audit Annual Report 2023/24 and publication on the Council website.

Since consideration of the report at Audit and Risk Management Committee on 28 January 2025, new information received by the Council had meant an additional recommendation was required, as set out below:

In advance of the Council's consideration of the Council's accounts, the Council must receive confirmation from the external auditors that the accounts are unqualified. In the absence of such confirmation, the external auditors annual report will be referred back to Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Members queried how oversight of savings and transformation would be achieved and were informed that a report would be brought to a future meeting in relation to budget recovery.

Resolved – that Council be recommended to approve.

- 1 the External Audit Annual Report 2023/24 and publication on the Council website.**
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