



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 5
29 JULY 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT RESULTS REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report introduces the preliminary audit results report prepared for the Audit and Governance Committee by Ernst & Young LLP (EY). The audit results report summarises EYs preliminary audit conclusion in relation to the audit of the Combined Authority for 2018/19. A final report will be issued following the Audit and Governance Committee meeting.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Officer:	Jon Alsop – Head of Finance (S73)
<p>The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Consider and note the preliminary audit results report for the year ended 31 March 2019</p>	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The External auditors have a statutory requirement to report to members under the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice and International Standard of Auditing (UK and Ireland) (ISA(UK&I) 260 – "Communication of audit matters with those charged with governance". The report is known as the ISA260 and is attached at appendix 1.

Status of the audit

- 2.2. The EY preliminary audit report shown at appendix A states the following: "Our audit of the Authority's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 remains in progress. We are performing the procedures outlined in our Audit

Plan. At the date of this report we have commenced the majority of our audit procedures and are working to complete them over the next few weeks. However, owing to resourcing issues there is a possibility that we will not complete the audit by the 31 July. We will provide a verbal update to the Committee.”

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The planned fee for the audit is £31,450. The fee is made up of £26,950 for planned code work, £3,500 for additional work on Value for Money risks, and £1,000 for work carried out on the CEO severance payment.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 requires the Combined Authority to appoint a local auditor. The local auditor, in auditing the accounts, by examination of the accounts and otherwise, must be satisfied—

(a) that the accounts comply with the requirements of the enactments that apply to them,

(b) that proper practices have been observed in the preparation of the statement of accounts, and that the statement presents a true and fair view, and

(c) that the authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1. Appendix A – The audit results report for the year ended 31 March 2019.

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
CPCA Statement of Accounts 2018/19	Appendix B to agenda item 6