



AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 6
31 JULY 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides an update of progress made to date on the audit of the Combined Authority's 2019/20 Draft Statement of Accounts.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Officer:	Jon Alsop – Head of Finance (S73)
<p>The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Receive the audit progress report from Ernst and Young LLP (EY)</p>	

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. According to its Terms of Reference, the Audit and Governance Committee shall consider the annual external audit of the Combined Authority's accounts.
- 2.2. The Audit and Governance Committee received EY's Outline Audit Plan for 2019/20 at its May meeting, which set out how EY intended to carry out their responsibilities as auditor of the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts.
- 2.3. The attached report provides an update on progress made to date against that audit plan.
- 2.4. EY have confirmed that to date they have not identified any audit differences that they need to report to the Committee, and will aim to complete the remaining audit procedures in sufficient time to enable the Authority to approve the statements by the due date.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The fee for the planned code work is £26,950. EY's proposed uplift is £2,695 and additional fees are expected to be between £9,000 and £16,000. The total

audit fee for the year is therefore expected to be between £38,645 and £45,645.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. None.

5.0 APPENDICES

5.1. Appendix A – EY Audit Progress report

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	n/a