

Eden District Council
Accounts and Governance Committee

10 May 2022

External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

Report from:	Interim Director of Resources
Wards:	All Wards
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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update from the External Auditor on the Statement of Accounts Audit for 20/21 and a Sector Update.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Accounts and Governance Committee note the report.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 As members will be aware the closedown for 20/21 has suffered a knock on delay from the issues caused in the 19/20 audit.
- 3.2 The audit for 20/21 is underway however and we are working with the auditors to ensure we are able to close down late February early March.
- 3.3 The attached at Appendix 1 sets out a progress report from the External Auditors for the 20/21 audit and a sector update.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Sustainable;
 - Healthy, safe and secure;
 - Connected; and
 - Creative
- 4.2 This report meets sustainable and healthy, safe and secure corporate priorities.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation has taken place.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.
- 6.1.2 There are no financial or resources implications.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report.
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report.
Crime and Disorder	None arising from this report.
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report.

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Reputational risk to Council – oversight of the Council’s audit and governance procedures is a vital part of transparent governance.	Public confidence could be undermined if due consideration has not been given.	Regular updates to Accounts and Governance Committee of what items they can expect to consider.

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options were considered

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 The report is for the Committee to note progress.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer	29 April 2022

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

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