

AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Item AU 22/4 referred from Audit Committee of 24 January 2022

The joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Transformation introduced the Auditor's Annual Report prepared by Grant Thornton UK LLP on the Borough Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources and governance. Mr Paul Dossett, Engagement Lead, presented the report and answered questions raised.

No significant weaknesses in arrangements were identified. However, a number of improvement recommendations were made and these were detailed in the report together with management comments.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21, attached at Annex 1, be approved; and
- (2) the management comments to the improvement recommendations made in paragraphs 1.2.3 to 1.2.9 be noted and endorsed.

***Referred to Cabinet**