

Full Council

Title:	External Audit
Date:	14 November 2023
Contact Officer:	Karen Slater, RFO & Corporate Services Manager

Purpose of Report

1. To receive the External Auditor's Report for 2022-23.

Background

2. Moore Stephens, the Town Council's appointed External Auditor, has completed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ending 31 March 2023 and a copy of the External Auditor Report and Certificate, page 6, Section 3 of the AGAR, is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
3. The report notes incorrect usage of new form (submitted by internal auditor) and the incorrect figure submitted for significant variances (error by DCK) which was later corrected. The public notice of rights dates was affected by revised certificate. These were minor issues and the information submitted within Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no matters have come to the External Auditors attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Recommendation that:

- i) The External Auditor's Report 2022-23 be received.***