

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Accounts Audit and Risk Committee**

**18 November 2020**

### **Review of Those Charged with Governance**

#### **Report of the Director of Finance**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

To set out the response to Ernst & Young (EY) regarding the review of management assurance.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the draft response relating to management assurances from Those Charged with Governance at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Agree that the Director of Finance, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee, make any further changes to the response relating to management assurances from Those Charged with Governance at Appendix 1 that may arise as a result of the audit.

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 This report informs members of the committee of the management's assurances set out from Those Charged with Governance.

#### **3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 Auditing standards require external audit to formally update their understanding of the Council's management processes and arrangements each year. They do this by asking the Committee (as Those Charged with Governance) about the Council's management arrangements.
- 3.2 The draft response is contained in Appendix 1.

#### **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1 The Committee is recommended to note the draft response set out at Appendix 1.

## 5.0 Consultation

None

## 6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 None. The response is a requirement of the regulations.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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### Legal Implications

7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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### Risk Implications

7.3 There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

**Key Decision** N/A

**Financial Threshold Met:** N/A

**Community Impact Threshold Met:** N/A

**Wards Affected**

All

## **Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework**

All Corporate Plan themes

## **Lead Councillor**

N/A

## **Document Information**

### **Appendix number and title**

- Appendix 1 – Draft Response from Those Charged with Governance

### **Background papers**

None

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