

Report of External Audit to the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee to be held on 21 April 2022

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Subject:

External audit's Auditor's Annual Report (AAR) for the 2020/21 audit of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Summary statement:

The AAR summarises the findings from our audit of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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1. SUMMARY

Our Auditor's Annual Report (AAR) summarises the work we have undertaken as the auditor for City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2021. Although this report is addressed to the Council, it is designed to be read by a wider audience including members of the public and other external stakeholders.

2. BACKGROUND

Not applicable

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Not applicable

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Not applicable

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Not applicable

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Not applicable

7.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

Not applicable

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

Not applicable

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

Not applicable

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

Not applicable

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governance and Audit Committee is asked to:

- note the contents of our Annual Auditor's Report, including the identified significant weakness in VFM arrangements and the recommendation for improvement, set out on page 15.

11. APPENDICES

Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21 – City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None