

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**28 JULY 2021**

### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20 AND AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2019/20 – ADDENDUM REPORT**

Report from: Phil Watts, Chief Finance Officer  
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#### Summary

This addendum report sets out the following information:

Statement of Accounts 2019/20 (Appendix 1) – the Independent Auditor’s (Grant Thornton) report to Members of Medway Council is attached. This was marked as “to follow” in the main agenda pack (page nos. 80-82 refer).

Audit Findings Report 2019/20 (Appendix 2) – it is necessary for the Chief Finance Officer and the Chairman to write to the Independent Auditors for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 and applicable law. This letter forms Appendix E to the Audit Findings Report and subject to the Committee agreeing the letter, the Chief Finance Officer and Chairman will be asked to sign this letter at the meeting.

#### 1. Additional recommendation

In addition to recommendations 7.1 and 7.2 in the main report, the Committee is also asked to agree the following:

- 7.3 The Committee is asked to agree the Management Representations letter, as set out in Appendix E to the Audit Findings Report.

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#### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Statement of Accounts 2019/20 - Independent Auditor’s report to Members of Medway Council.

Appendix 2 – External Audit Findings Report for the year ended March 2020 -  
Management Representations letter (Appendix E to Appendix 2)