

Report Title:	External Audit ISA 260 updates and draft action plans 2019/20
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	No - Part I
Lead Member:	Councillor Hilton, Cabinet Member for Finance
Meeting and Date:	Audit and Governance Committee May 17 th 2021
Responsible Officer(s):	Adele Taylor, Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer
Wards affected:	All

REPORT SUMMARY

The Committee is asked to note the final ISA260s received from Deloitte and consider the draft action plans to address the issues identified by the external auditor.

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Audit and Governance Committee notes the report and:

- i) Notes the ISA260 for RBWM in Appendix 1.
- ii) Notes the ISA260 for the Berkshire Pension Fund in Appendix 2.
- iii) Notes and considers the draft action plan for RBWM in Appendix 3.
- iv) Notes and considers the draft action plan for the Berkshire Pension Fund in Appendix 4.

2. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Options

Table 1: Options arising from this report

Option 1	Comments
Note the ISA260's and draft action plans This is the recommended option	Because of the statutory requirement for the Council to produce audited and signed accounts no other options are considered in producing this report.

- 2.1 The format and content of the accounts is subject to legislation and guidance contained in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. Members of

the Audit and Governance Committee however, ask questions of the Council's officers and auditors (Deloitte) and make recommendations that may assist a reader of the Statement of Accounts.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Table 2: Key Implications

Outcome	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date of delivery
Date when accounts are published, the audit opinion and the number of changes required by auditors	Published later than 30 September or receive a qualified opinion or > 5 material changes.	Published on or before 30 September With an unqualified opinion and 1-4 material changes.	Published on or before 30 September with an unqualified opinion and no changes.	N/A	30 September 2020

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY

- 4.1 At its meeting on 16th February 2021 the Committee considered draft ISA260s, and delegated authority to the Chairman to sign the Statement of Accounts once the audit was complete.
- 4.2 The details of Deloitte's findings are contained in the final ISA260 reports in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 4.3 Deloitte anticipate issuing an unqualified audit opinion on the authority's statement of accounts and a qualified opinion on the value for money statement.
- 4.4 The draft audit plans in response to the ISA260 reports are in Appendices 3 and 4.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In producing, reviewing, auditing and approving the accounts the Council is meeting its legal obligations

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 Table 3: Impact of risk and mitigation

Risk	Level of uncontrolled risk	Controls	Level of controlled risk
Possibility of unqualified value for money statement for 2019/20	High	Update of issues raised during 2020/21 audit of the statement of accounts	Medium

7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

None

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 A public notice dated the 3rd of August 2020 was put onto the Council's website giving residents the opportunity to inspect the accounts and related transactions and correspondence until the 14th of September 2020.

9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 9.1 This section is not applicable.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 This report is supported by four appendices: (to follow)

- Appendix 1 ISA260 report for RBWM main accounts
- Appendix 2 ISA260 report for the Berkshire Pension fund.
- Appendix 3 Draft action plan for RBWM.
- Appendix 4 Draft action plan for the Berkshire Pension fund.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 This report is not supported by any background documents.

REPORT HISTORY

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