

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 July 2022	Meeting Name: Audit, governance and standards committee
Report title:		Auditor's annual report on Southwark Council 2020-21	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the external auditor's annual report for 2020-21, as attached at Appendix A.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the external auditor's opinion on Southwark Council's financial sustainability, governance, and arrangements for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness in 2020-21.

Policy implications

3. This report is not considered to have direct policy implications.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

4. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant impact on any particular community or group.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

5. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant equalities impact.

Health impact statement

6. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant health impact.

Climate change implications

7. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a

significant impact on climate change.

Resource implications

8. If there are direct resource implications in this report, such as the payment of fees, these will be met from existing budget provision.

Consultation

9. There has been no consultation on this report.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

10. None required.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Auditor's Annual Report on Southwark Council 2020-21

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Duncan Whitfield, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	
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Dated	12 July 2022	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments sought	Comments included
Director of Law and Governance	No	N/A
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	N/A
Cabinet Member	No	No
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