

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 November 2023	Meeting Name: Audit, Governance and Standards Committee
Report title:		2022-23 External audit plan	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Finance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the audit progress report and sector update, and external audit plan for 2022-23 for the council and pension fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of this report is to provide an audit progress report and an overview of the planned scope and timing of the statutory audit of Southwark Council Fund for those charged with governance.

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 and the accompanying accounts are not considered to have a direct impact on local people and communities. However, good financial management and reporting arrangements are important to the delivery of local services and to the achievement of outcomes.

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. There are no direct resource implications in this report.

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
Department of Finance files	Finance Department, Second Floor, Tooley Street	Amarjit Uppal 0207 525 4578

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Audit Progress Report and Sector Update
Appendix B	External Audit Plan - London Borough of Southwark 2022-23

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Clive Palfreyman, Strategic Director of Finance	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive Governance & Assurance	N/A	N/A
Strategic Director of Finance	N/A	N/A
Cabinet Member	N/A	N/A
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