

<b>Item No.</b> 12a	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 5 February	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Audit, governance and standards committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Auditor's annual report on Southwark Council 2021-22	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the external auditor's annual report for 2021-22, 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 2021-22.

## 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 2021-22

### AUDIT TRAIL

<b>Lead Officer</b>	Clive Palfreyman, Strategic Director of Finance	
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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Assistant Chief Executive Governance and Assurance	No	N/A
Strategic Director of Finance	No	N/A
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
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