

# NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Update on outstanding issues - East Northants District Council</b>	
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### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. The provide an update on the outstanding issues relating to the audit of the Statement of Accounts for the former District Council in East Northamptonshire.

### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1. This report requires the Committee to note any updates on the outstanding issues for the 2019/20 audit of the draft Statement of Accounts in relation to East Northants District Council for 2019/20.

### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1. It is recommended that the Committee.

a) Note the information outlined in this report

- 3.2. Reason for Recommendations –

- For the Committee to exercise its duties and responsibilities within its Terms of Reference.

### **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1. The accounts for East Northants District Council remain in draft format as there are several outstanding matters that are to be concluded, these were set out in

the Provisional Audit Results Report prepared by Ernst and Young (EY) and reported to the committee in January 2022.

## 5. Issues and Choices

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5.1. The issues outstanding are summarised below together with an update on progress:

Outstanding Issue	EY comments provided in January	Update on progress	Comments
Property Valuations	Specialist is yet to conclude on a sample of property Valuations	Queries from specialist provided to officers – responses have been provided to EY	Awaiting discussion between EY and Valuer to be arranged to discuss responses
Contingent Liability	Conclusion on Monks case and accounting treatment	Accounts updated for treatment of financial settlement in the 2019/20 accounts	Awaiting conclusion on Monks legal opinion.
Bank Reconciliation	Payments identified that need further investigation	Investigation report provided in relation to fraudulent payments	Follow on response to third party confirmation still outstanding
Value for Money reporting and modifications	To be confirmed subject to conclusion of items outstanding as above	Updated AGS to include significant audit risk in relation to bank reconciliation as discussed	Provide updated Statement of Accounts to EY once the adjustments to the valuations queries have been concluded

## 6. Implications (including financial implications)

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### 6.1. Resources and Financial

6.1.1. None Specific to this report.

### 6.2. Legal

6.2.1. None Specific to this report.

### **6.3. Risk**

6.3.1. The Council's External Auditors set out the risks in their Provisional Audit Results Report in the committee in January.

### **6.4. Consultation**

6.4.1. None specific to this report.

### **6.5. Consideration by Scrutiny**

6.5.1. Not specific to this report.

### **6.6. Climate Impact**

6.6.1. None specific to this report.

### **6.7. Community Impact**

6.7.1. None specific to this report.

## **7. Background Papers**

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7.1. Council Constitution.

East Northants District Council Audit Results Report - [Item 6 - Appendix A - 20 ENC - Audit Results Report.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)