

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>Date:</b>	27 September 2023
<b>Title:</b>	External Audit Report 2021/22 - Hampshire County Council
<b>Report From:</b>	Ernst and Young LLP (external auditors)

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#### **Purpose of this Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Audit Committee the preliminary audit conclusion in relation to the audit of Hampshire County Council for the year ending 31 March 2022.

#### **Recommendation**

2. That the Audit Committee receives and notes the Hampshire County Council Audit Reports for year ending 31 March 2022.

## REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

### Links to the Strategic Plan

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	no

### Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Hampshire County Council provisional audit results report

Location

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s99339/HCC%20-%20Audit%20Results%20Report%202021-22.pdf>

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The recommended action will not impact on groups with protected characteristics in any way.