


Report to:	AUDIT PANEL
Date:	25 June 2024
Executive Member/ Reporting Officer:	Cllr Jacqueline North –First Deputy (Finance, Resources & Transformation) Ashley Hughes – Director of Resources
Subject:	EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT
Report Summary:	This report provides the Audit Panel with an update on the work undertaken by External Audit.
Recommendations:	Audit Panel are recommended to note the contents of the External Audit progress report.
Corporate Plan:	The report supports the Council's Corporate Plan objectives.
Policy Implications:	There are no direct policy implications flowing from the Statement of Accounts.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	An audited statement of accounts gives assurance on the Council's finances.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	The requirement to externally audit the Council's statement of accounts is set out in the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015.
Risk Management:	The external audit provides verification of the financial statements.
Access to Information:	The report is to be considered in public.
Background Information:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Stuart Munro, Senior Finance Manager.  Telephone: 0161 342 4257  e-mail: stuart.munro@tameside.gov.uk