ADDENDUM: Financial reporting and related matters update (Appendix received from the external auditor)

To: Audit & Accounts Committee

Meeting Date: 23 March 2021

From: Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Key decision: No

Reason for lateness: As referred to in section 1.4 of this item as published in the substantive

agenda, resolution of final queries with the external auditor has been ongoing. This has now progressed sufficiently that EY have issued an updated *Audit Results Report – Addendum update*. This has arrived after the publication of the main agenda. This is an update to the item considered at the November meeting. There is an urgency to the consideration in order to finalise the Statement of Accounts as soon as

possible.

Recommendation: AMENDED

Audit and Accounts Committee is invited

- i) to note the report
- ii) to receive the External Auditor's results report (attached as an addendum)
- iii) to reconfirm delegation to the Chief Finance Officer and Chairman of this Committee to sign the final Statement of Accounts, and make any related declarations, taking account of the adjustments agreed with the auditor and set out in EY's attached report