

	Audit and Standards Advisory Committee 28 March 2024
	Report from the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources
	Lead Member - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources & Reform (Councillor Mili Patel)
External Audit's Enquires of Management	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not Applicable
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
List of Appendices:	Two Appendix 1: Brent Council Enquires of Management Appendix 2: Pension Fund Enquires of Management
Background Papers:	
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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1. As in recent years, there is an expectation that the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee review the Enquires of Management that are provided by the Council in response to requests from audit. This is in order to meet expectations of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) for how audit should operate.
- 1.2. The detail is in the appendices following the format required by audit.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to review the:

- Brent Council Enquires of Management at Appendix 1; and
- Pension Fund Enquires of Management at appendix 2

3.0 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

3.1 This report contributes to the effective communication between the Council's external auditors and the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee, as 'those charged with governance'. This enables the auditor to support the committee in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the financial reporting process. This activity strengthens the governance arrangements and controls environment of the Council and therefore contributes to the achievement of strategic objectives.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Financial Considerations

5.1 No specific implications.

6.0 Legal Considerations

6.1 No specific implications.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

7.1 No specific implications.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

8.1 No specific implications.

9.0 Communication Considerations

9.1 No specific implications.

Report sign off:

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Corporate Director of Finance and Resources