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| <b>Subject:</b>          | <b>Ernst &amp; Young – Audit Results Report 2017/18</b> |  |   |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | <b>24 July 2018</b>                                     |  |   |
| <b>Report of:</b>        | <b>Ernst &amp; Young</b>                                |  |   |
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| <b>Ward(s) affected:</b> | <b>All</b>  |  |   |

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The Audit Results Report summarises the findings of the 2017/18 audit which is now substantially complete. It includes the key messages arising from the audit of the financial statements and the results of work undertaken to assess the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money in its use of its resources .
- 1.2 We propose to issue an unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements subject to full completion of outstanding areas of work.
- 1.3 We anticipate issuing an unqualified value for money conclusion. We are satisfied that, in all significant respects, Brighton & Hove City Council put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2018.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee note the findings set out in the 2017/18 Audit Results Report

