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Report to be/has been considered by	Not applicable.	

Recommendation for noting:

The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to note:

1. The presentations provided by the Council and the Council's external valuers: Bruton Knowles and JLL.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform on all the key accounting estimates that will be included in the Council's financial statements this year.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 International Auditing Standards place obligations on auditors to document their understanding of an entity and its environment, including the entity's internal control, in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements.
- 2.2 ISA (UK) 540 (Revised) Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures (revised in December 2018) is effective for audits of financial statements for periods beginning on or after 15 December 2019; and requires auditors to understand a number of matters related to the Council's key accounting estimates.
- 2.3 To assist in meeting these requirements, the Council has provided an overview of the key accounting estimates, attached in Appendix 1, and invited the Council's external valuers (Bruton Knowles and JLL) to discuss in more detail the estimates used to value the Council's assets (presentations to be made available on the day).
- 2.4 The Council has also responded to the Accounting Estimate Management Summary in agenda item 8.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

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4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

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5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 There are no equality implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

6.0 All other Implications

- 6.1 There are no other implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7.0 Schedule of background papers

- 7.1 None.

8.0 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Accounting Estimates Presentation.