

Report to **South Downs National Park Authority**
Date **30 March 2023**
By **Grant Thornton (External Audit)**
Title of Report **Value for Money – Auditor’s Annual Report 2021/22**

Note

The Authority is recommended to:

I. Receive and consider the Value for Money – Auditor’s Annual Report 2021/22

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- I.1 The Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) requires the authority’s external auditor to provide a separate Value for Money (VfM) assessment from the main audit of the statement of accounts. This was a new requirement for 2020/21 onwards, in which the auditor is required to consider whether the authority has in place proper arrangements to ensure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its resources. The report includes detail on the authority’s arrangements, together with any key recommendations on any significant weaknesses in arrangements identified during the audit.
- I.2 The report at **Appendix I**, which is to follow, sets out the work that we have undertaken to assess the arrangements the Authority have in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its resources and sets out any improvement recommendations.

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Appendices I. Auditor’s Annual Value for Money Report 2021/22 (To follow)

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