

Audit Committee – 22 November 2021

External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: Lead Portfolio – Finance (Leader of the Council), All

Purpose: For Information

1. Aim

1.1 For Grant Thornton to provide Audit Committee with a report on progress in delivering their responsibilities as the council's external auditors and a Sector update.

2. Summary

2.1 This report provide the council's external auditor's progress report on the audit of the 2020/21 financial statements and value for money arrangements, both of which are substantially complete. The report provides a Sector update on matters of interest to the council and Audit Committee

3. Recommendations:

3.1 Audit Committee are requested to note the report.

4. Report detail – know

4.1 Grant Thornton are the council's independent external auditors. Outcomes from their work will assist the council in maintaining strong governance arrangements.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 None directly related to this report.

6. Reducing Inequalities

6.1 Effective value for money arrangements ensure a focus on delivery of Corporate Plan objectives, a key driver of which is reducing inequalities.

7. Decide

7.1 This report is for noting by Audit Committee.

8. Respond

8.1 Audit Committee may wish to comment on report.

9. Review

- 9.1 Audit Committee will receive the Annual Auditors report on value for money at their next meeting.

Background papers

Code of Audit Practice

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