# Audit Committee – 18 February 2020

# External Audit – Audit Planning Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2020

## **Summary of report**

This report provides the Audit Committee with details of our External Auditors, Grant Thornton, audit plan for the financial year ending 31 March 2020. It details the planned audit strategy driven by an assessment of the key issues and significant risks that could affect the accounts. See Appendix 1.

The plan covers the work to be undertaken to provide the council with an opinion on the financial statements together with the value for money conclusion.

## **Background Papers**

Internal Audit reports / monitoring information.

#### Recommendations

Audit Committee are recommended to review and note the report.

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## Vicky Buckley – Head of Finance

## **07 February 2020**

#### Governance Issues, Resource and Legal Considerations

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

#### **Performance and Risk Management Issues**

Performance and risk management is embedded in the council's processes.

#### **Equality Implications**

None directly related to this report.

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