



AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

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Report of: Borough Treasurer

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SUBJECT: GRANT THORNTON REPORTS

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive updates from our External Auditors on a range of different matters.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Progress Report and Update and the Planned Audit Fee letter be considered and that any questions be raised with the Grant Thornton representatives who will be attending the meeting.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Our external auditors have asked for the documents contained in the appendices to be included on the agenda for this meeting so that Members may give them due consideration.

4.0 GRANT THORNTON REPORTS

4.1 The Grant Thornton Progress Report and Update sets out their progress in delivering their responsibilities against their audit plan as well as a range of other matters, while the Audit Fee letter provides details on the audit fee and works that are planned to take place for 2017/18.

4.2 Representatives of Grant Thornton will introduce and explain these documents at the Committee meeting and will be able to answer any questions that Members may have on their contents.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

5.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The report has no significant links with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 The work that our External Auditors undertake is an integral part of the Council's control framework and provides assurance to Members that the Council is operating effectively.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Grant Thornton Progress Report and Update

Appendix 2 - Grant Thornton Planned Audit Fee Letter