

GRANT THORNTON – PROGRESS UPDATE

Local Government Guidance

Income From Charging

- *The Council has been part of a cross Country review of fees and charging and will be using the information obtained from this review to consider fees and charges in the 2015/16 budget process.*

Business Rate Collection

- Along with the other Worcestershire Councils the Council is adopting a new software package that will identify all properties and their comparative business rate values to ensure that all liabilities are included in the business rate collection

Potential for Procurement Fraud

- *Officers are investigating the best opportunity to identify procurement fraud as it is accepted that although we have a robust procurement team and opportunity to utilise internal audit to investigate fraud, there may be improvements we can put in place. There is currently a corporate fraud internal audit review being undertaken.*

Simplifying and streamlining the presentation of local authority financial statements

- *Officers continually work with External Audit to ensure that the financial statements are compliant with legislation but are presented in the most streamlined and effective way*

Consultation on Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice for 2014/15

- *Officers will ensure that the accounts will comply with any new revisions to the accounting statements*

Property, Plant and Equipment revaluations

- *Officers work with the professional County valuation team to ensure that any revaluations are undertaken in compliance with accounting regulations.*