

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

24TH APRIL 2014

GRANT THORNTON PROGRESS UPDATE – JAN 14

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Exec Director Finance and Resources
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non–Key Decision

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To update members on the progress report as submitted to the January meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to note updates as included on Appendix 2.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Council has a statutory responsibility to comply with financial regulations.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The report attached at Appendix 1 was presented to this Committee in January 2014. Members asked for an officer update on the Emerging Issues and Developments to ensure that the Council was addressing the issues identified.
- 3.4 An update from officers can be seen at Appendix 2 and includes:
- Work being undertaken on reviewing fees and charges
 - New software for identification of Business Rates
 - Work to ensure compliance to regulations
- 3.5 There are no issues that are not being addressed by officers to ensure the Council meets its statutory financial obligations.

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Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 There are no implications arising out of this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 As part of all audit work the auditors undertake a risk assessment to ensure that adequate controls are in place within the Council so reliance can be placed on internal systems.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – January 2014 Grant Thornton Report
Appendix 2 – Update from officers

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. KEY

N/a

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