

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2nd FEBRUARY 2017

GRANT THORNTON UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2017

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 Grant Thornton progress on the Audit and on general issues and developments that may impact on the Council in the future.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to note updates as included on Appendix 1.**

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 updates Members on the progress on work undertaken by Grant Thornton since the last Committee meeting. There are no concerns raised by the auditors in their initial work. In addition the appendix includes updates and links to National Issues and Grant Thornton Publications in relation to issues that are relevant to Local Government at the current time.

- 3.4 These include

- Delivering Good Governance
- National Audit Office Reports
- LGA issues and developments
- Apprentice Levy

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- Brexit

3.5 Officers are continuing to work with the auditors to ensure the Council meets its statutory financial obligations.

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 – February 2017 Grant Thornton Report

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