

**GRANT THORNTON – Sector report and audit progress update**

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

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To present a sector update report from Grant Thornton relating to emerging public sector national issues and audit progress to date.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

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

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

3.5 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 - Grant Thornton Report

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**7. KEY**

N/A

**AUTHOR OF REPORT**

Name: Chris Forrester

E Mail: [chris.forrester@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:chris.forrester@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

Tel: 01527 54252