

GRANT THORNTON – Sector Report and Audit Progress Update

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	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. It is important to note that the report details that the audit is now likely to be completed and signed off in January rather than the end of November. This is largely due to the impact of Covid-19 making it more difficult to conduct the audit as it has to be done remotely rather than on site. In addition, the appendix includes updates 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

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