
Grant Thornton - Audit Findings Report 2019/20

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services
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Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	No
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	
Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee APPROVE;

- 1) the Audit Findings Report 2019/20 as attached at Appendix 1;**
- 2) the draft letter of representation as included at Appendix 2**

2. BACKGROUND

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost associated with the External audit is funded from approved budgets. Due to a number of issues there is likely to be an increased cost from Audit this year. This will be funded from reserves.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory responsibility to comply with financial regulations. Included within the report is a recommendation to the Council under section 11(3) of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

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Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 5.1 The report attached at Appendix 1 presents the Audit Findings Report in relation to the audit of the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts.
- 5.2 There are a number of recommendations contained within it from auditors which management have responded to accordingly.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.3 There are no climate change implications from this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The recommendations from the External Auditors will be picked up within the financial services risk arrangements.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Audit findings report
Appendix 2 – Letter of representation

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling	
Lead Director / Head of Service	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services	
Financial Services	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services	

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Legal Services	Claire Felton – Head of Legal Services	
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	