

**Audit, Governance &
Standards Committee
2021**

15th April

GRANT THORNTON – Sector Report and Audit Progress Update

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
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)	An effective and sustainable Council
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2. BACKGROUND

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

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- 5.1 The issues detailed in this report help to ensure that there is an effective and sustainable Council.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 There are no Climate Change implications arising out of this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

Operational Implications

- 6.2 The report attached at Appendix 1 updates Members on the progress on work undertaken by Grant Thornton since the last Committee meeting. It sets out key audit deliverables and a sector update which includes a number of matters that are relevant to Local Government. It is also important to note that the report details a new approach to the value for money element of the audit.

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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 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.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 - Grant Thornton Report

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling	N/A
Lead Director / Head of Service	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services	April 2021
Financial Services	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services	April 2021
Legal Services	N/A	
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	