

AUDIT, STANDARDS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

27 January 2022

GRANT THORNTON ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20

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| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Councillor Michael Rouse |
| Portfolio Holder Consulted | Yes |
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| Wards Affected | ALL |
| Ward Councillor(s) consulted | Non Specific |
| Relevant Strategic Purpose(s) | |
| Non-Key Decision | |
| If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting. | |
| This report contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended | |

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to **NOTE** the Audit Letter as included in Appendix 1.

2. BACKGROUND

To present to Members the Grant Thornton Annual Audit Letter which summarises the key findings arising from the work carried out at the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Fee variations as set out in the attached report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The statutory audit was completed in accordance with the National Audit Office Code of Audit Practice which reflects the requirements of the Local audit and Accountability Act 2014.

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5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

Climate Change Implications

5.2 None as a direct result of this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

Operational Implications

6.2 The Council received an unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements for 2019/20.

6.3 The Audit Letter refers details Grant Thornton's findings as a result of the work undertaken as part of the final accounts for 2019/20 and reflects the Audit opinion reported to this committee.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 As part of all audit work, 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 Annual Audit Letter

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

| Department | Name and Job Title | Date |
|---|--|-------------|
| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Mike Rouse | |
| Lead Director / Head of Service | James Howse, Executive Director of Resources | |
| Financial Services | | |
| Legal Services | | |
| Policy Team (if equalities implications apply) | | |
| Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply) | | |