

**Audit, Governance & Standards  
Committee  
2022**

14<sup>th</sup> April

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**GRANT THORNTON – SECTOR REPORT**

Relevant Portfolio Holder		Councillor Mike Rouse - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Portfolio Holder Consulted		-
Relevant Head of Service		Peter Carpenter – 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**

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

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**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 provides Members with our external auditor's updated sector update. 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.

**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 Sector Update Report

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**9. REPORT SIGN OFF**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Name and Job Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mike Rouse - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling	
Lead Director / Head of Service	Peter Carpenter – Head of Finance and Customer Services	April 2022
Financial Services	Peter Carpenter – Head of Finance and Customer Services	April 2022
Legal Services	N/A	
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	