

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Audit, Governance and
Standards Committee**

21st September 2023

Grant Thornton – External Audit Progress Report & Sector Update

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Luke Court– Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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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 in the report as included in Appendix 1.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

4.1 The issues detailed in this report help to ensure that the Council is effective and sustainable.

Climate Change Implications

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

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

Operational Implications

- 5.2 The report attached at Appendix 1 provides Members with our external auditor's progress in delivering its responsibilities as the Council's external auditors. It sets out key audit deliverables and a sector update which includes a number of matters that are relevant to Local Government.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 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.

7. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 - Grant Thornton – Redditch Borough Council Audit
Progress Report and Sector Update