

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Audit, Governance and Standards Committee  
2024**

**21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Grant Thornton – External Audit Progress Report & Sector Update**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Luke Court – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance
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