

## **External Audit Plan for 2016/17**

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### **Purpose of the report**

This report introduces the Audit Plan for 2016/17.

### **Recommendations**

The Audit Committee is asked to note the Audit Plan for 2016/17.

### **Introduction**

The Audit Plan is included within the remit of the Audit Committee under its terms of reference as follows:

“To consider and note the annual external Audit Plan and fees”.

### **The Audit Plan**

The Plan shows the challenges and opportunities the Council faces and the response to those from our external auditors. It shows that the audit will focus on risks and the assessment of those risks and testing that will be carried out by the auditors. It also updates the committee on work carried out to date.

### **Financial Implications**

A budget of £81,650 is allocated in 2016/17 to fund this work. The estimated fees outlined by Grant Thornton are £57,328 including grant certification. The budget should be sufficient if there is further work required for instance additional testing on benefit claims.

### **Background Papers**

None

**Please Note:** In error, the contents page in the attached draft Audit Plan refers to an appendix. There are no appendices in the Draft Audit Plan.

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