

External Audit Progress Report

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report introduces Grant Thornton's Audit Progress and Sector Update Report for the year ending March 2018.

Recommendations

2. That the Audit Committee notes the report.

Background

3. The report from Grant Thornton, the Council's external auditor, provides the Audit Committee with an update on progress in delivering their responsibilities to the council and its stakeholders.
4. The report also provides a summary of emerging national issues and developments, and includes a number of challenge questions the committee may wish to consider regarding these.
5. It is pleasing to note that the delivery of responsibilities remains on track, and that at this stage no material weaknesses or issues are identified following the testing completed to date. In addition, Grant Thornton has indicated based on interim findings and conclusion that they expect to be in a position to issue an unqualified Value For Money opinion. This provides positive assurance regarding the financial arrangements of the Council.

Financial Implications

6. None for the purposes of this report.