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**To:** Audit and Governance Committee  
**Date:** 16 March 2022  
**Head of Service:** Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council

**SUBJECT:** Grant Thornton Audit Progress Report

**SUMMARY:**

Grant Thornton's report gives a progress update on recent audit work undertaken and highlights topical issues.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee is asked to formally note progress made on recently undertaken audit work and receive the update on sector issues contained within the report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report AuG/21/26.
2. To consider Grant Thornton's update report.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 It was previously agreed that the external auditors should submit regular progress and update reports to meetings of this Committee. The latest report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 A representative from Grant Thornton will be attending the meeting to present the report and answer Members' questions.
- 1.3 The report outlines the status of the current annual audit of the financial statements, in addition to the value for money assessment. Progress is outlined on pages 4 – 8.
- 1.4 The remainder of the update commencing on page 6 provides an insight into sector updates relevant to the audit process and committee.

## **2. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

- 2.1 **Legal Officer's Comments (AK)**  
There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.
- 2.2 **Finance Officer's Comments (CS)**  
There are no financial implications arising directly out of this report.
- 2.3 **Diversity and Equalities Implications (CS)**  
There are no diversity and equality implications arising directly out of this report.

## **3. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Grant Thornton Update Report