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Report Number **AuG/22/14**

To: Audit and Governance Committee
Date: 21 September 2022
Status: Non-Key Decision
Head of Service: Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services
Cabinet Member: Councillor David Monk – Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance

Subject: Grant Thornton Update Report

Summary:

Grant Thornton's report provides an update on recent audit work undertaken, progress against key deliverables and a brief technical update.

Reasons for recommendations:

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendation in order to formally note the progress made against key actions undertaken by Grant Thornton.

Recommendations:

1. To receive and note Report AuG/22/14.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It was agreed by the Audit Committee that the External Auditor should submit regular progress and update reports to their meetings.
- 1.2 A representative from Grant Thornton LLP has been asked to attend the meeting to present the report and answer Members' questions.

2. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 2.1 Grant Thornton's report sets out, at pages 4 to 7, progress as at September 2022 with regard to:
 - Financial Statements Audit and Value for Money
 - Meetings & events
 - Audit Fees
 - Audit Deliverables for 2020/21 and 2021/22
- 2.2 The report also includes:
 - A summary of the Financial Reporting Council's annual report (pages 8 to 9), and a Sector Update (pages 10 to 19) including the Levelling Up White Paper, responses to reports and inquiries on local authority financial sustainability and auditor reporting on local government, the emergency consultation on 2021/22 reporting requirements, the Prudential Code and Treasury Management Code and NAO good practice guides on annual reports, climate change risk and cyber & information security.
- 2.3 A copy of the full report is attached at Appendix 1.

3. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

3.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)

There are no additional legal comments arising from this report

3.2 Finance Officer's Comments (CS)

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. 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

1. Grant Thornton Update Report – September 2022