

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 2019.

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 should be noted that the delivery of responsibilities remains on track, and that results of the interim audit carried out in February 2019 concluded that:
 - The business processes are appropriate in relation to the activities of the Council.
 - That the work on the documentation of business processes did not identify any weaknesses which impact on the external auditor's audit approach.
 - That no material weaknesses were identified which are likely to adversely impact the Council's financial statements.

Financial Implications

6. None for the purposes of this report.

Background Papers

None