# **External Audit Plan for 2019/20**

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# Purpose of the report

This report introduces Grant Thornton's Audit Plan for reviewing the Council's 2019/20 financial statements and our arrangements for securing value for money.

# Recommendations

The Audit Committee is asked to note the Audit Plan for 2019/20.

#### 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 provides an overview of the planned scope and timing of the statutory audit and the audit approach to be used in respect of the 2019/20 audit.

### **Financial Implications**

The estimated fees outlined by Grant Thornton are £59,443 including grant certification, which are covered within existing budget for 2020/21.

# **Background Papers**

None