

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Corporate Governance Committee – 19 March 2019

External Audit – Audit Plan 2018/19

This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council, Councillor John Williams

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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report introduces the External Audit Plan for 2018/19. This is prepared by our external auditors, Grant Thornton, and is detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 1.2 The report summarises their approach to the 2018/19 audit programme, together with the auditors view on risk, materiality and value for money.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the External Audit Plan for 2018/19 received from Grant Thornton.

3 Risk Assessment (if appropriate)

Risk Matrix

Description	Likelihood	Impact	Overall
The details of any specific risks are contained in the report			

4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 Each year our external auditors, Grant Thornton, provide a plan, which details their approach to the audit work required in respect of the preceding financial year (2018/19). Specifically this audit work focuses on the provision of an audit opinion in relation to the accounts, value for money (VFM) and associated key risks.
- 4.2 The plan for 2018/19 is set out in Appendix A.

5 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

- 5.1 There are no direct implications.

6 Finance / Resource Implications

- 6.1 The report sets out the external auditors view on key risk areas for the Council and their approach to auditing them.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

8 Environmental Impact Implications

8.1 None

9 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications

9.1 None

10 Equality and Diversity Implications

10.1 None

11 Social Value Implications

11.1 None

12 Partnership Implications

12.1 None

13 Health and Wellbeing Implications

13.1 None

14 Asset Management Implication

14.1 None

15 Consultation Implications

15.1 None

Democratic Path:

- **Corporate Governance Committee – Yes**
- **Executive – No**
- **Full Council – No**

Reporting Frequency: **Once only** **Ad-hoc** **Quarterly**

Twice-yearly **Annually**

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