

# Taunton Deane Borough Council

## Corporate Governance Committee – 19 March 2019

### External Audit – Progress Report and Update

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 The attached report provides the Corporate Governance Committee with a progress update regarding the work of the external auditors, Grant Thornton, together with information relating to emerging issues which may be relevant to the Council.

#### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the update report.

#### 3 Risk Assessment

##### 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 The Council's external audit function is undertaken by Grant Thornton. The external auditors, as part of their work, provide regular progress updates to Members via the Corporate Governance Committee together with updates in relation to emerging national issues, which may be of relevance to the Council. These are detailed in the attached report.

#### 5 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

- 5.1 There is no direct contribution to the Corporate Priorities.

#### 6 Finance / Resource Implications

- 6.1 This is an update report only and there are no specific financial implications.

#### 7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to produce financial statements.

**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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