

EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Audit Committee - 14 July 2022

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation to Audit Committee:

That the report/s be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Grant Thornton would like to present the Auditors Annual Report 2020/21 (Appendix A).
- 2 It may also be possible to present the Audit Findings Report (Appendix B) which relates to the Statement of Accounts that was presented to the Audit Committee on 29 March 2022.
- 3 At that meeting it was resolved that:
 - a) Following completion of the 2020/21 audit, delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Chief Officer Finance and Trading and the Chairman of the Audit Committee to sign the Statement of Accounts 2020/21; and
 - b) Following completion of the 2020/21 audit, the Letter of Representation be approved.
- 4 If it is not possible to present the Audit Findings Report at this meeting, it will be presented at a later meeting.

Key Implications

Financial

None

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

None

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

Appendix A - Grant Thornton Auditors Audit Report 2020/21

Appendix B - Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2020/21 - To follow if available

Background Papers

None

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Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading