

## EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24

Audit Committee – 9 July 2024

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer – Finance and Trading

**Status:** For Consideration

**Key Decision:** No

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Kevin Maskell

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**Recommendation to Audit Committee:**

That the report be noted.

### Introduction and Background

- 1 Parris Williams is the Engagement Lead for Grant Thornton who are the Council's external auditors. He would like to present their Annual Audit Plan for 2023/24 (Appendix A).
- 2 Grant Thornton's Sector Update is included at Appendix B.

### 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.

## Climate Change Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to tackle the challenge of climate change. 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's Indicative Audit Plan 2023/24

Appendix B – Grant Thornton's Sector Update

### **Background Papers**

None

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**Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer – Finance & Trading**