

**Report of: Director Service Finance and Acting Section 151 Officer**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Audit Committee	17 March 2020		All

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**SUBJECT: External Auditor Reports**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 Grant Thornton is presenting their audit plan for the external audit of the Council and the Pension Fund for 2019/20 to the Audit Committee for approval.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note the contents and approve the External Audit Plan for the Council and Pension Fund for the year ending 31 March 2020.
- 2.2 To note the Annual Report 2019/20.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Each year the Council's external auditor presents to the Audit Committee their audit plan for approval.

**4. Implications**

- 4.1 **Financial Implications:** none
- 4.2 **Legal Implications:** none

**4.3 Environmental Implications and contribution to net zero carbon by 2030.**

There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

**4.3 Resident Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment has not been carried out since the contents of this report relate to a purely administrative function and there are no direct impacts on residents.

**5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations:**

5.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents and approve the attached audit plan and to note the annual report on grants and returns.

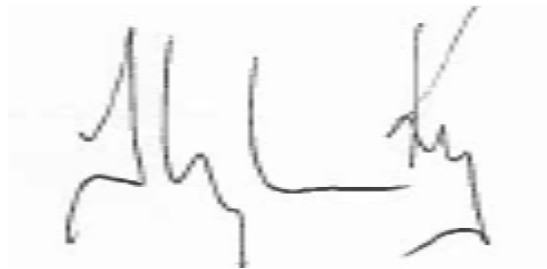
**Appendices:**

External Audit Plan year ending 31 March 2020

**Background papers:** none

Final Report Clearance:

**Signed by:**



Director Service Finance and Acting Section  
151 Officer

Date 09/03/2020

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