

**Report To:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, 10 March 2022

**Report Title:** External Audit Progress Report to February 2022

**Report By:** Assistant Director – Financial Services and Revenues (Chief Finance Officer)

**Key Decision:** N

**Classification:** Open

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### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Audit Committee of External Audit progress to February 2022 and to provide a summary of emerging national issues that may be relevant to you as a local authority.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

1. To note the report.

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

To provide the Audit Committee with a report on progress in delivering their responsibilities as our external auditors.

## Introduction

1. The report that can be found at Appendix A contains information on emerging national issues and developments as well as work progress and the status of key external audit deliverables.
2. It is expected that a senior manager from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting and present the report in more detail.
3. Timetable of Next Steps

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
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## Wards Affected

(None);

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## Policy Implications

Reading Ease Score: 38.6

Have you used relevant project tools?: n/a

### Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	N
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	N
Risk Management	Y
Environmental Issues & Climate Change	N
Economic/Financial Implications	Y
Human Rights Act	N
Organisational Consequences	N
Local People's Views	N
Anti-Poverty	N
Legal	N

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## Additional Information

Appendix A – Hastings Borough Council Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

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