

**Report to:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 28 July 2022

**Report Title:** Hastings Borough Council Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

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### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Audit Committee of External Audit progress to July 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.

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## Background

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. This includes the status of the audit of the Financial Statements for 2019/20 and 2020/21.
3. It is expected that a senior manager from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting and present the report in more detail.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

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## Additional Information

Appendix A: Hastings Borough Council Audit Progress Report and SEctor Update

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