

Report To: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 16 March 2023

Report Title: External Auditor's Update Report

Report By: Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer

Key Decision: N

Classification: Open

Purpose of Report

To consider the matters raised by the Council's external auditors (Grant Thornton) in respect of their update Report.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

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

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 2020/21 and 2021/22.
3. It is expected that a senior manager from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting and present the report in more detail.

Wards Affected

None

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 & Climate Change	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No
Legal	No
Climate Change	No

Additional Information

Appendix A – External Auditor's Report on Hastings Borough Council

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