



AUDIT COMMITTEE

29TH JANUARY 2019

AGENDA ITEM (9)

GRANT THORNTON REPORTS

Accountable Member	N/A
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Purpose of Report	For Members to receive and discuss details of the Audit Plan 2018/19 and the Housing Benefit Subsidy Grant Certification Letter for 2017/18.
Recommendation(s)	That the Committee discuss and note the documents from Grant Thornton.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To approve the external audit work plan 2018/19 and to consider the outcome of the housing benefit subsidy certification work.
Ward(s) Affected	None
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No
Financial Implications	The fees for the Housing Benefit Subsidy certification work were in line with budget.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	None
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None
Key Risks	None
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not Required
Related Decisions	None
Background Documents	None

Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2018/19 Appendix 'B' - Grant Thornton Housing Benefit Subsidy Certification Letter
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Performance Management Follow Up	None
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Background Information

1. The Council's external auditor (Grant Thornton) has provided the Audit Plan for 2018/19 (see **Appendix 'A'**) and a letter reporting the outcome of the audit of the Housing Benefit Subsidy claim 2017/18 (see **Appendix 'B'**).
2. The Certification Letter summarises the key findings arising from the work carried out by Grant Thornton on the Council's Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim for 2017/18. There were no adjustments to the claim, however, as in previous years, the claim was qualified. Two recommendations have been made to improve processes for future claims.

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