

<b>Subject:</b>	Audit and Accounts Committee Update – External Audit Progress Report	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Accounts Committee	<b>Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
<b>Report of:</b>	Grant Thornton	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Resources and Performance
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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<b>1.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	Members are asked to consider the update report for the 2014/15 audit.

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 The report sets out the progress against plan for the 2014/15 audit. It also includes a summary of recent developments of interest to a Borough Council.

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 The matters discussed in this plan do not impact directly on the Council's corporate priorities.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The report summarises the progress made in delivering the 2014/15 audit and highlights some recent developments for the Council to consider.

5.2 Within the Emerging Issues section we highlight issues of interest for the Audit and Accounts Committee to consider. This includes a number of recently published national Grant Thornton reports.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 This is a report of the External Auditor.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 This is a report of the External Auditor.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Not applicable.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The audit is progressing to the timetable expected.