

West Somerset Council

Corporate Governance Committee 3 December 2018

External Audit – Progress Report and Update

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Martin Dewdney

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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This is a regular report for Members by our external auditors, Grant Thornton. Specifically the report provides an update in relation to their progress in delivering the responsibilities of being the external auditors for the Council and also to provide a summary of emerging national issues and developments to consider.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members are requested to note the Report.

3 Risk Assessment

Risk Matrix

The details of any specific risks identified will be contained in the attached report.

4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 The Council's external audit function is undertaken by Grant Thornton. This report provides Members with an update on the progress as at November 2018 in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors as well as providing a summary of relevant emerging national issues and developments.

5 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

- 5.1 There are no direct implications.

6 Finance / Resource Implications

6.1 There are no direct implications.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

8 Environmental Impact Implications

8.1 There are no direct implications.

9 Community Safety Implications

9.1 There are no direct implications.

10 Equality and Diversity Implications

10.1 There are no direct implications.

11 Social Value Implications

11.1 There are no direct implications.

12 Partnership Implications

12.1 There are no direct implications.

13 Health and Wellbeing Implications

13.1 There are no direct implications.

14 Asset Management Implications

14.1 There are no direct implications.

15 Consultation Implications

15.1 There are no direct implications.

Democratic Path:

- **Audit Committee – Yes**
- **Cabinet – No**
- **Full Council – No**

List of Appendices

Appendix A	Grant Thornton – Audit Progress Report and Sector Update
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