

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Audit Governance and Standards Committee – 11 March 2020

External Audit – Progress Report and Update

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Henley

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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The attached report provides the Audit Governance and Standards Committee with a progress update regarding the work of the external auditors, Grant Thornton, together with information relating to emerging issues which may be relevant to the Council.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to consider and note the update report.

3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The details of any specific risks are contained in the report.

4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 The Council's external audit function is undertaken by Grant Thornton. The external auditors, as part of their work, provide regular progress updates to Members via the Audit Governance and Standards Committee together with updates in relation to emerging national issues, which may be of relevance to the Council.
- 4.2 The update report is set out in Appendix A.

5 Finance / Resource Implications

- 5.1 This is an update report only and there are no specific financial implications.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Council has a statutory duty to produce financial statements.

Democratic Path:

- **Audit Governance and Standards – Yes**
- **Executive – No**
- **Full Council – No**

Reporting Frequency: Twice-yearly**List of Appendices (delete if not applicable)**

Appendix A	Somerset West and Taunton Progress Report and Sector Update March 2020
Appendix B	Somerset West and Taunton Council – Audit Scope and additional work 2019-20

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