

Agenda Item No. 5

Audit and Standards Committee 10th February 2015

Report of the Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services

Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update

Purpose of Report

1. Grant Thornton have produced a report to update Audit and Standards Committee members on progress in delivering their responsibilities as Dudley's external auditors, and the Audit Manager will be available at the meeting to deal with any issues.

Background

2. The report is attached as Appendix 1. The report provides Audit and Standards Committee with an update on progress in delivering Grant Thornton's responsibilities as external auditors. The report also includes a summary of emerging national issues and developments that are relevant to the Council.

Finance

3. There are no resource implications as a consequence of the report.

<u>Law</u>

4. Legislation appertaining to Local Authority Audit and Accounts is contained in the Local Government Act 1999, the Audit Commission Act, 1998, and regulations made therein.

Equality Impact

5. The proposals take into account the Council's Policy on Equality and Diversity.

Recommendation

6. That Members note the Audit Committee Update report

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List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council