

Audit and Standards Committee – 29th March 2017

Report of the Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services

Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2016/17

Purpose of Report

1. To update committee with the External Auditor's Audit Plan and progress to date for 2016/17.

Background

2. The Audit Plan 2016/17 is attached as Appendix 1. This document is produced by Grant Thornton. It sets out the work they will carry out in discharging their responsibilities to give an opinion on the Council's financial statements and a conclusion on the Council's arrangements for achieving value for money. The key considerations set out within this report are:
 - This plan sets out Grant Thornton's responsibilities under the Code of Audit Practice.
 - The plan includes an assessment of current local risks relevant to the audit and the proposed response to these.
3. The Audit Manager will be available at the meeting to deal with any issues arising.

Finance

4. The attached report explains the methodology applied in testing and forming the audit opinion and risk determination. There are no resource implications as a consequence of the report.

Law

5. Legislation appertaining to Local Authority Audit and Accounts is contained in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Equality Impact

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

Recommendation

7. That Members note and comment as appropriate, on Grant Thornton's Audit Plan 2016/17 and progress report.



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List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 Grant Thornton - The Audit Plan for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council