

Subject:	Audit and Accounts Committee Update – External Audit Progress Report	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Audit and Accounts Committee	Date:	17 March 2015
Report of:	Grant Thornton	Portfolio Holder:	Finance and Resources
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
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 development for the Council to consider.

5.2 Within the Emerging Issues and Development section of the report there are a number of challenge questions. The audit team will meet with the Council's officers and discuss progress against each question. We will report to the next Audit and Accounts Committee any issues that have not been appropriately followed up.

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.