Rossendale BOROUGH COUNCIL

ITEM NO. D3

Subject:	Update & Progress – External Audit	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Audit & Accounts Committee	Date:	20th March 2018
Report of:	Grant Thornton UK LLP (External Audit)	Portfolio Holder:	Resources & Customer Services
Key Decision:	☐ Forward Plan ☐	General Exception ☐	Special Urgency ☐
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION
1.1	That the committee note the report and relevant progress against external audit objectives.

2.   PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1   The report summarises the current and ongoing work of the external audit team. As previously reported to the Committee, there are extant elements of work relating to prior financial years awaiting the conclusion of the work by the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).

We also bring your attention to recent reports and sectoral issues that may be of interest to members of the Committee.

3.   CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1   This is a report of the External Auditor - the matters discussed in this report do not impact directly on the Council's corporate priorities

4.   RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1   This is a report of the External Auditor - there are no direct risk implications.

5.   BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1   This paper provides the Audit and Accounts Committee with a report on progress in delivering our responsibilities as your external auditors. The paper also includes a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to you.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6.   SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1   N/A - This is a report of the External Auditor.

7.   MONITORING OFFICER

7.1   N/A - This is a report of the External Auditor.

8.   POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

8.1   N/A - This is a report of the External Auditor

9.   CONCLUSION

9.1   Members are asked to note the Audit Progress as set out in the report.