

Classification: Part A

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance & Audit Committee
Date: 18 November 2015
Reporting officer: Vaughan Matthews, Grant Thornton UK LLP
Subject: Annual Audit Letter 2014-15

Purpose and summary of report:

To provide Members with a summary of the key findings arising from the work carried out by Grant Thornton LLP at Gravesham Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2015, as set out in the 2014-15 Audit Fee Letter.

Recommendation:

The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to note the findings and conclusions of the audit work undertaken during 2014-15.

1. Background to the report

1.1 Grant Thornton LLP, as the council's auditor, is required to summarise the overall findings of the external audit work completed during the financial year to officers, members and the public. The Annual Audit Letter attached at appendix two to this report provides information on the following areas of work that have been completed for the year ended 31 March 2015:

- auditing the 2014-15 financial statements
- assessing the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (Value for Money Conclusion)
- Certification of the Housing Benefit grant claim

2. Contacts

2.1 Grant Thornton LLP are the author of the report.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS

3.1 There are no background papers to this report.

IMPLICATIONS		APPENDIX 1	
Legal	N/A		
Finance and Value for Money	Contained within the report.		
Risk Assessment	N/A		
Equality Impact Assessment	Screening for Equality Impacts		
	Question	Answer	Explanation
	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	N/A
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	N/A
	c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A
<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>			
Corporate Business Plan	N/A		
Crime and Disorder	N/A		