

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance & Audit Committee

Date: 16 November 2016

Reporting officer: Chris Long, Grant Thornton UK LLP

Subject: The Annual Audit Letter for Gravesham Borough Council - year ended 31 March 2016

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 2016, as set out in the 2015/16 Audit Fee Letter.

Recommendations:

1. The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to note the findings and conclusions of the audit work undertaken during 2015/16.

1. Background

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 2016:

- auditing the 2015/16 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 UK 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
	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? If yes, please explain answer. No
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. No
	<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 Plan	N/A
Crime and Disorder	N/A
Digital and website implications	N/A
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	N/A