

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance & Audit Committee

Date: 10 September 2019

Reporting officer: Elizabeth Jackson, Grant Thornton UK LLP

Subject: The Annual Audit Letter for Gravesham Borough Council – year ended 31 March 2019

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 2019, as set out in the 2018/19 Audit Fee Letter.

Recommendations:

1. The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to note the findings and conclusions of the audit work undertaken during 2018/19.

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 2019:

- auditing the 2018/19 financial statements;
- assessing the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (Value for Money Conclusion)

2. Contacts

- 2.1. Grant Thornton UK LLP are the authors of this report.

3. Background Paper

- 3.1. There are no background papers to this report.

IMPLICATIONS		APPENDIX 1
Legal	N/A	
Finance and Value for Money	N/A	
Risk Assessment	N/A	
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>	
	<p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links.</p> <p>No</p>	
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?</p> <p>N/A</p>	
	<p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk.</p> <p>N/A</p>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>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.</p> <p>No</p>	
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>No</p>	
	<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
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