

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance and Audit Committee

Date: 8 November 2023

Reporting officer: Grant Thornton UK LLP

Subject: Report on the impact of the Council's arrangements in relation to the St George's Shopping Centre transaction.

Purpose and summary of report:

To inform Members of the outcomes of a report produced by Grant Thornton regarding the impact of the Council's arrangements during 2018/19 and 2019/20 in relation to the St Georges's Shopping Centre.

Recommendation:

1. The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to note the report.

| Key Implications: | |
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| Item | Implications |
| Legal | There are no specific legal matters arising from this report |
| Finance and Value for Money | The report from Grant Thornton comments upon the Council's arrangements during 2018/19 and 2019/20 in relation to the St George's Shopping Centre. |
| Corporate Plan | One Council: a well-run and innovative authority, defined by its skilled and valued workforce, committed to developing its local social impact. Financial responsibility: a financially sustainable authority, driven by a strong Medium Term Financial Strategy, enforced by a suite of effective financial monitoring controls. |
| Climate Change | No direct implications |

1. Background to the report

- 1.1. The report at appendix one provides Members with key findings and recommendations arising from Grant Thornton's assessment of the St George's Shopping Centre transaction in 2018/19 and 2019/0

2. Background Documents

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

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| Risk Assessment | No direct implications |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment | <p><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> <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?</p> <p>A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner’s Office website via the above links.</p> <p>N/A</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 decision – paper is for information only.</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 decision – paper is for information only.</p> <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></p> |
| Crime and Disorder | No direct implications |
| Digital and website implications | No direct implications |
| Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults | No direct implications |