

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance & Audit Committee

Date: 16 July 2024

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Subject: Audit Progress Report and Sector Updates – July 2024

Purpose and summary of report:

To inform Members of the progress to date on the work of external audit.

To draw Members attention to emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant.

Recommendations:

1. This report is for information only.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	N/A
Finance and Value for Money	N/A
Corporate Plan	One Council: a well-run and innovative authority, defined by its skilled and valued workforce, committed to developing its local social impact. Corporate compliance: a responsible organisation, ensuring all constitutional, policy and legislative demands are met, and proactive risk management practices adopted.
Climate Change	N/A

1. Background

- 1.1 The report at appendix one provides Members with an update on the delivery of external audit responsibilities and a summary of emerging issues which the Committee may wish to consider.

2. Appendices

2.1 The following documents are to be published with the report:

2.1.1 Appendix One - Audit Progress Report and Sector Updates – July 2024

3. Background Documents

3.1 There are no background documents.

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Secondary Implications	
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. No</p>
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? 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. 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. N/A</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. N/A</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>
Crime and Disorder	N/A
Digital and website implications	N/A
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	N/A