

**GRANT THORNTON PROGRESS UPDATE - 2013/14**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Roger Hollingworth
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Exec Director Finance and Resources
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non–Key Decision

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

1.1 To update members on the progress of External Audit for the plan for 2013/14.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **The Committee is asked to note updates as included on Appendix 1.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no financial implications

**Legal Implications**

3.2 The Council has a statutory responsibility to comply with financial regulations.

**Service / Operational Implications**

3.3 At present as can be seen within the progress report there are no issues that have been raised of concern by Grant Thornton.

3.4 In addition there is an update for Members in relation to emerging issues that may be of interest for Members to refer to when discussing the final accounts in September together with a number of events that are being held by the External Audit Team.

3.5 There are no issues that are not being addressed by officers to ensure the Council meets its statutory financial obligations.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

3.6 There are no implications arising out of this report.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

4.1 As part of all audit work the auditors undertake a risk assessment to ensure that adequate controls are in place within the Council so reliance can be placed on internal systems.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Progress Report Grant Thornton Report

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

**7. KEY**

N/a

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