

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 24TH MARCH 2016

GRANT THORNTON UPDATE – MARCH 2016

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
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 general issues and developments that may impact on the Council in the future.

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 The report attached at Appendix 1 updates Members on the progress on work undertaken by Grant Thornton since the last Committee meeting. The majority of the progress update refers to work that is reported in other items included in this agenda and sets out the plans that Audit have in place to address concerns previously raised and how the Audit will be progressed for 2015/16. In addition the appendix includes updates on the Emerging Developments and Grant Thornton Publications in relation to issues that are relevant to the Council and may impact in the future.

- 3.4 These include

- Fair Value
- Highways Network

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- Business Rate Appeals

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

3.7 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 – March 2016 Grant Thornton Report

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. KEY

N/a

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