

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

**GRANT THORNTON UPDATE – MAY 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 Grant Thornton progress on the Audit and 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. There are no concerns raised by the auditors in their initial work. In addition the appendix includes updates on Grant Thornton Publications in relation to issues that are relevant to Local Government at the current time.

- 3.4 These include

- Joint Venture Companies
- Audit Committee reviews
- Fighting Fraud

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- 3.5 Officers are continuing to work with the auditors 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 – May 2016 Grant Thornton Report

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**7. KEY**

N/a

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