

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT STANDARDS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 23rd July 2018**

**GRANT THORNTON – AUDIT FEE LETTER 2018/19**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Brian Cooper
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Executive 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 present Members with the Audit Fee letter for 2018/19 from the Councils External Auditors Grant Thornton and to approve the level of fee.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the fee be agreed.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The 2018/19 budget assumes the level of fee of £37,484 as set in the attached letter. The fee in relation to the Housing Benefit Grant certification is to be confirmed.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.2 None as a direct result of this report. The Council currently has a contract with Grant Thornton to provide the External Audit service. This continues to the audit of the 2018/19 accounts.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.3 External Auditors have a duty to carry out all work necessary to meet their statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice.
- 3.4 The areas of work include
- Audit of Financial Statements
  - Value for Money Conclusion
  - Work on Whole Of Government Accounts

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**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 – Grant Thornton Audit Fee Letter

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Individual internal audit reports.

**7. KEY**

N/a

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