

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 24th November 2020

GRANT THORNTON – Sector Report and Audit Progress Update

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Chris Forrester – Head of Finance and Customer Services
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non–Key Decision

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To present a sector update report from Grant Thornton relating to emerging public sector national issues and audit progress to date.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

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. Please note that primarily due to the complications of conducting an audit during these unprecedented times and competing priorities it is now likely that the audit of the accounts and sign off will be completed in January. In addition the appendix includes updates and links to National Issues and Grant Thornton Publications in relation to issues that are relevant to Local Government at the current time.

3.4 Officers are continuing to work with the auditors to ensure the Council successfully signs off its statement of accounts.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.5 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 Report

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7. KEY

N/A

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