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**Folkestone**

Hythe & Romney Marsh  
Shepway District Council



Report number **C/17/70**

**To:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 14 December 2017  
**Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision  
**Head of Service:** Charlotte Spendley, Head of Finance  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Malcolm Dearden – Cabinet Member for Finance

**SUBJECT:** Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

**SUMMARY:** This report considers Grant Thornton's Annual Audit Letter which summarises the findings from the 2016/17 audit.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Cabinet is asked to note the report as set out below because the council is required to receive and note the findings and summary of Grant Thornton's annual assessment of the Council. The report was also considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 29 November 2017.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report C/17/70.
2. To consider Grant Thornton's Annual Audit Letter 2016/17.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Annual Audit Letter 2016/17 summarises the findings from Grant Thornton's audit of the council. These findings have previously been set out in Grant Thornton's report that was considered by Audit and Governance Committee on 13 September 2017 (Report AuG/17/09 refers) and are summarised here.

1.2 Cabinet is asked to consider Grant Thornton's Annual Audit Letter 2016/17.

## **2. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

### **2.1 Legal Officer's Comments (DK)**

There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.

### **2.2 Finance Officer's Comments (CS)**

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

### **2.3 Diversity and Equalities Implications (CS)**

There are no diversity and equality implications arising directly out of this report.

## **3. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Grant Thornton's Annual Audit Letter 2016/17