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Report Number: **AuG/20/10**

**To:** Audit and Governance Committee  
**Date:** 3 December 2020  
**Head of Service:** Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor David Monk – Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance

**Subject:** Grant Thornton Update Report

**Summary:**

Grant Thornton's report provides an update on recent audit work undertaken, progress against key deliverables and a brief technical update.

**Reasons for recommendations:**

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendation in order to formally note the progress made against key actions undertaken by Grant Thornton.

**Recommendations:**

1. To receive and note Report AuG/20/10.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 It was agreed by the Audit Committee that the External Auditor should submit regular progress and update reports to their meetings.
- 1.2 A representative from Grant Thornton LLP has been asked to attend the meeting to present the report and answer Members' questions.

## **2. PROGRESS UPDATE**

- 2.1 Grant Thornton's report sets out on pages 4 and 5 progress as at November 2020 with regard to:
  - Financial Statements Audit work
  - Value for money assessment
  - Grant certification work
  - Meetings & upcoming events
  - Fees
- 2.2 The report also includes a Sector Update at page 7 including emerging national issues and development, current consultations and reports of interest.
- 2.3 A copy of the full progress report is attached at Appendix 1.

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

### **3.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)**

There are no additional legal comments arising from this report

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

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **4. 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

1. Grant Thornton Update Report – November 2020