

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Appendix A – Auditor’s Annual Report on West Northamptonshire Council 2021-22

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. For our current external auditors to present their first Annual Auditor’s Report on West Northamptonshire Council for the financial year 2021-22

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Audit and Governance Committee is required to consider the Annual Audit Report for West Northamptonshire’s first year of existence (2021-22). The report is produced by the Council’s external auditors Grant Thornton.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider the external auditor's annual report on West Northamptonshire Council for the financial year 2021-22.

4. Reason for Recommendations

- 4.1 For the Audit and Governance Committee to effectively carry out its role in line with its terms of reference.

5. Report Background

- 5.1 The External Auditor's Annual Report on West Northamptonshire Council for the financial year 2021-22 is included at Appendix A and will be presented by the External Auditor to the Committee.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 No alternative options have been considered as the external auditor is required to communicate the report to the Committee.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1 Resources and Financial

- 7.1.1 There are no resource or financial implications arising from the report.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

7.3 Risk

- 7.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

7.4 Consultation

- 7.4.1 Not applicable

7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

- 7.5.1 Not applicable

7.6 Climate Impact

- 7.6.1 Not applicable

7.7 **Community Impact**

7.7.1 Not applicable

8. Background Papers

8.1 None.