

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Appendix A – Grant Thornton’s Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. For our external auditors to present their progress report and sector update.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Audit and Governance Committee has a standard agenda item for the external auditor to provide an update on any issues to report on, progress being made and topical updates from the sector. The report is either a written report or a verbal update. For this meeting a written update has been provided and that is attached as Appendix A. The report is produced by the Council’s external auditors Grant Thornton.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider Grant Thornton's Audit Progress Report and Sector Update.

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 Grant Thornton's Progress Report and Sector Update is included at Appendix A and will be presented by the External Auditor to the Committee.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 The Committee could decide not to receive the report but in doing so it would not be appraised of current progress and particular issues currently affecting the sector. It therefore would not be discharging its responsibilities as well as it could be.

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 No implications

7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

No implications

7.6 Climate Impact

No implications

7.7 Community Impact

No implications

8. Background Papers

8.1 None.