

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Report Title External Audit (Grant Thornton) Progress Report

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Appendix 1 – Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update from our external auditors for 2021-22 Grant Thornton

2. Executive Summary

- 1.2. Appendix 1 provides an update from Grant Thornton on Audit Progress and a sector update.

3. Recommendations

- a) That the report be noted.

4. Reason for Recommendations

The Committee's consideration of this update is needed to ensure the committee is informed of external audit progress in the current financial year as well as useful updates from Grant Thornton on relevant topics.

5. Report Background

- 5.1 Attached as an Appendix is a progress update on the work they are carrying out at West Northamptonshire and a sector update on topical and emerging issues affecting the public sector.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Risk

- 6.1.1 The report highlights that estimated audit fees for 2021-22 will be £350,000 for the Council and £45,000 for the pension fund.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 None

6.3 Equality and Health

- 6.3.1 None

6.4 Risk

- 6.4.1 None

6.5 Consultation

- 6.5.1 None required

6.6 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

- 6.6.1 None required

6.7 Climate Impact

6.7.1 None

6.8 **Community Impact**

6.8.1 None

7. Background Papers

7.1.1 None