

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 20th November 2014
Report of: Chief Operating Officer
Subject/Title: Annual Audit Letter 2013/14
Portfolio Holder Councillor Peter Raynes

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the External Auditors' key findings from the 2013/14 audit.
- 1.2 Appendix A summarises the key recommendations identified during the 2013/14 audit and reported in full in the Audit Findings Report.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That members receive and comment on the Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The appointed auditors are required to report to those charged with governance.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Implications for Rural Communities

- 7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 As covered in the report.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Head of Legal Services)

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 The Annual Audit letter has been prepared to meet the requirements set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The Letter is intended to communicate key messages to the Council and external stakeholders, including members of the public. Grant Thornton reported the detailed findings from their audit work to those charged with governance in the Audit Findings Report on 25th September 2014.

11.2 Representatives from Grant Thornton will be attending the meeting to answer any questions raised by members on the Annual Audit Letter.

12.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Appendix 1: Cheshire East Council Annual Audit Letter 2013/14