

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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**Date of Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
**Report of:** Chief Operating Officer  
**Subject/Title:** Grant Thornton – Annual Audit Letter 2014/15  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Peter Groves

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

1.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the External Auditors' findings from the 2014/15 audit.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That members receive and comment on the Annual Audit Letter for 2014/15.

### **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 (Authorised by the Chief Operating Officer)**

8.1 As covered in the report.

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

9.1 There are no specific legal implications with regard to this report.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

11.2 As the Council's appointed auditors, representatives of Grant Thornton will attend the Committee to report their findings directly to Members.

## **12.0 Access to Information**

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

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