

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 8th December 2016
Report of: Chief Operating Officer
Subject/Title: Grant Thornton – Annual Audit Letter 2015/16
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Groves

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the External Auditors' findings from the 2015/16 audit.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Members receive and comment on the Annual Audit Letter for 2015/16.

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

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 29th September 2016.

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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