

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 28th November 2013
Report of: Chief Operating Officer
Subject/Title: External Audit Update
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Raynes

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides the Audit and Governance Committee with an update from the external auditors, Grant Thornton on progress in delivering their responsibilities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That members receive and comment on the update report.

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 including – Carbon Reduction, Health

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 As covered in the report.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 There are no specific legal issues associated with this report.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 There is a risk that the Council will be unaware of progress against the audit plan and emerging issues and developments which may be of relevance if this report is not considered.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The report provides an update from Grant Thornton on progress in delivering their responsibilities as our external auditors.
- 10.2 The report also highlights emerging issues and developments which may be of relevance to Cheshire East.
- 10.3 The report includes a number of challenge questions in respect of those emerging issues which the Committee may wish to consider.
- 10.4 The Audit Manager from Grant Thornton will be attending the meeting to answer any questions raised by members on this report.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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Appendix 1: Audit & Governance Committee Update for Cheshire East Council