

External Audit Plan 2020-21

Governance and Audit Committee

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Status

For Information

Classification:

Unrestricted

Key Decision

No

Executive Summary:

The External Audit Plan 2020-21 has been developed by our appointed external auditor, Grant Thornton LLP, and sets out the proposed external audit work and fee relating to the 2020-21 annual audit at Thanet.

Recommendation(s):

The external audit plan be noted

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

The proposed fee for the 2020-21 annual audit can be met from existing budget provision

Legal

The audit of the Council's accounts is governed by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

Corporate

The audit of the accounts is a statutory requirement

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no equality implications arising from this report

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Growth*
- *Environment*
- *Communities*

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Grant Thornton, the Council's appointed external auditor, has submitted their External Audit Plan for the 2020-21 annual audit, attached at Annex 1, following consultation with the Section 151 Officer and his deputy.
- 1.2 The report also sets out the proposed fees for the 2020-21 audit, which can be met from existing budget provision. Any variation to the fees must be approved by the independent Public Sector Audit Appointments body.
- 1.3 The committee is asked to note the report and make comments as appropriate.
- 1.4 A representative from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to present the report.

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Annex List

Annex 1: External Audit Plan

Corporate Consultation

Finance: *N/A*

Legal: *Estelle Culligan (Director of Law and Democracy)*