

Item No. 17.	Classification: Open	Date: 16 November 2016	Meeting Name: Audit, Governance and Standards Committee
Report title:		Grant Thornton – Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Update November 2016	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note Grant Thornton's audit, governance and standards committee update, as attached (appendix 1).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of the audit update report is to brief the audit, governance and standards committee on work currently being planned or undertaken by Grant Thornton and to highlight emerging national issues and developments which may be of interest to members of the committee.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. The attached report at Appendix 1 provides an update on 2015-16 audit work and also draws members' attention to a publication from Grant Thornton on the earlier closing of accounts which will be required in respect of accounts for the 2017-18 financial year and beyond.

Policy implications

4. This report and the accompanying update report are not considered to have direct policy implications.

Community impact statement

5. This report and the accompanying update report are not considered to have direct impact on local people and communities.

Resource implications

6. This report and the accompanying update report are not considered to have direct impact on resource implications.

Consultation

7. Consultation has not been undertaken.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

8. None required.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None.		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Grant Thornton - Audit, governance and standards committee update November 2016

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Duncan Whitfield, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	
Report Author	Jo Anson, Head of Financial and Information Governance	
Version	Final	
Dated	3 November 2016	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	3 November 2016	