

Report of the Treasurer

External Auditors' Annual Report 2021/22

Purpose of report

1. To present the Auditors Annual Report 2021/22 from the External Auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP.
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Recommendation

The Treasurer recommends that the Auditors Annual Report 2021/22 from the External Auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, be noted.

Background

2. Under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Auditor's key responsibilities are to:
 - give an opinion on the Authority's financial statements;
 - assess the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (the value for money conclusion).
3. The Auditors undertake a risk assessment to identify any significant risks which need to be addressed before the value for money conclusion is reached.
4. The Auditors assess the Authority's financial resilience as part of their work on the value for money conclusion.
5. The Annual Audit Letter summarises the findings from the 2021/22 audit, and the External Auditor will take you through the report attached at Appendix 1.

Conclusion

6. The Auditors Annual Report 2021/22 from the External Auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP be noted.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	None
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Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	None
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	None
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	None
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	N/A
Data Protection Impact Assessment (where personal data is processed a DPIA must be completed to ensure compliant handling)	N/A

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Auditors Annual Report 2021/22 - Grant Thornton UK LLP