

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

9 October 2012

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the firm appointed as the Council's external auditor from 1 September 2012.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Members will be aware the Audit Commission has outsourced the work of its in-house audit practice and in March officially confirmed it has awarded five-year audit contracts to four private firms.

1.1.2 The attached letter [**Annex 1**] confirms the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as the Council's external auditor for five years from 2012/13.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 This appointment is made under Section 3 of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 None.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None.

Background papers:

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Nil

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