

**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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