

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**08 April 2013**

**Report of the Director of Finance and Transformation**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 GRANT THORNTON – AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Summary**

**This report introduces an update paper from the External Auditor that sets out progress with the current audit and informs Members about emerging issues.**

**1.1 Introduction**

1.1.1 Grant Thornton has been appointed as the Council's external auditors and this report gives an update of progress on the current audit. It also gives a timetable of planned reporting dates. There is a section within the report that makes Members aware of emerging issues that have been identified nationally.

1.1.2 The Engagement Manager will be present at this meeting and will answer any questions that Members may have regarding the update.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 There are no legal implications that have been identified in relation to this report.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 This is a progress report and does not raise any financial or value for money considerations at this stage.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 The report informs Members of emerging issues that will require future consideration.

**1.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

1.5.1 No issues were identified during this report

Background papers:

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<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation of impacts</b>
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	External information report
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	External information report
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*