

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

01 April 2019

### Report of the Director of Finance and Transformation

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Information

#### **1 GRANT THORNTON PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE**

**A progress report and update from Grant Thornton on emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to a local authority.**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

1.1.1 Attached at **[Annex 1]** is a progress report and sector update from Grant Thornton covering information on a number of areas including the following:

- Progress in delivering our responsibilities as your external auditors.
- Public Sector Audit Appointments – Report on the result of auditors' work 2017/18.
- National Audit Office – Local authority governance.
- National Audit Office – Planning for new homes.
- CIPFA – Financial Resilience Index plans revised.
- Grant Thornton's External Audit commitment.

#### **1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 As set out in the paper.

#### **1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 As set out in the paper.

#### **1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 As set out in the paper.

Background papers:

Nil

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