

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Item AU 25/41 referred from Audit Committee of 29 September 2025

The report of the Management Team introduced the Auditor's Annual Report (attached at Annex 1) prepared by Grant Thornton UK LLP in respect of the Borough Council's overall arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources. In introducing the report, a brief outline of the national context was provided.

Grant Thornton had not identified any significant weaknesses in the Council's arrangements to improve economy, efficiency and effectiveness. An improvement recommendation was made in respect of the response to the Internal Audit recommendation on the Agile Software implementation and the response of management was detailed in paragraph 5.5 of the report.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the Auditor's Annual Report (attached at Annex 1) for 2024/25 be approved;
- (2) the key recommendations made in respect of the comments made, be noted;
- (3) the management comments to the 2024/25 value for money recommendations be noted and endorsed; and
- (4) any specific recommendations be made to Cabinet and/or Full Council as the Committee feels appropriate considering the Annual Report.

***Recommended to Council**