

# AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 26 March 2014

**ITEM 09** 

Report of the Cabinet Member for Business, Finance and Democracy.

## **Informing the Audit Risk Assessment**

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Under International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) (ISA(UK&I)) auditors have specific responsibilities to communicate with the Audit Committee. ISA(UK&I) emphasise the importance of two-way communication between the auditor and the Audit Committee and also specify matters that should be communicated.
- 1.2 As part of risk assessment procedures Grant Thornton are required to obtain an understanding of management processes and the Audit Committee's oversight of the Council's adherence to Laws and Regulations, Prevention of Fraud and assessment of the Going Concern status.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the report from Grant Thornton and management responses contained within.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Council is responsible for ensuring that proper arrangements are in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The report in Appendix 2 from Grant Thornton sets out the information required and management responses.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

## This report has been approved by the following officers:

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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications
	Appendix 2 – Report from Grant Thornton

## **IMPLICATIONS**

## **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 As detailed in Appendix 2.

## Legal

2.1 Compliance with the International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland).

#### **Personnel**

3.1 None directly arising.

## **Equalities Impact**

4.1 None directly arising.

## **Health and Safety**

5.1 None directly arising.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 None directly arising.

## **Property and Asset Management**

7.1 As detailed in the main body of the report and appendices.

## **Risk Management**

8.1 As detailed in the main body of the report and appendices.

## Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 These recommendations where relevant are in line with approved capital strategy

and Asset Management Plans which accord with the Council's corporate priorities.