

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 27 March 2013

ITEM 6

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.



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Report of the Strategic Director for Resources

SUPPORTING INFORMATI

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

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Background papers:	None

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

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.