

## **Presentation by Grant Thornton on the 2020 Vision - future of Local Government Finance and Policy**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Grant Thornton, Council's external auditor and University of Birmingham have jointly produced a paper on how local authorities may respond to the unprecedented challenges, including those relating to austerity and central government funding reductions, demographic pressures and technological change.
- 1.2 A senior manager at Grant Thornton has been invited to give a presentation to the Board and start the debate on how we may respond to future challenges.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider and comment on how council may respond to the challenged facing local government.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This issues falls within the remit of this Board.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Grant Thornton and University of Birmingham published a joint paper in October 2014 which explores finance and policy for English local government. The paper looks at challenges facing local government over the next ten years and makes suggestions on how the public sector might respond to them.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b>	
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<b>Other(s)</b>	Philip O'Brien- Head of Democratic Services
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## Appendix 1

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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### **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None arising from this report.

### **Legal**

2.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Personnel**

3.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

### **IT**

4.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Equalities Impact**

5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Board ensures that it looks in depth at equality in all its investigations.

### **Health and Safety**

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving

sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.