

MEETING:	AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE:	18 MARCH 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	GRANT THORNTON AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE
REPORT BY:	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To note and comment on the external auditors update report for Herefordshire Council.

Recommendation(s)

THAT: the Audit and Governance Committee note the report.

Alternative Options

1. There are no Alternative Options

Reasons for Recommendations

2. This report provides the Audit and Governance Committee with a progress report from Grant Thornton in delivering their responsibilities as Herefordshire Council's external auditors. The paper also includes a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to Herefordshire.

Key Considerations

3. Grant Thornton's update report for Herefordshire council is attached as an appendix. This report provides the Audit and Governance Committee with a progress report

from Grant Thornton in delivering their responsibilities as Herefordshire Council's external auditors.

4. The paper also includes a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to Herefordshire and the Committee may want to consider what assurances you would like to receive on these issues.

Community Impact

- 5 None

Equality and Human Rights

- 6 There are no implications arising from this report

Financial Implications

- 7 None

Legal Implications

- 8 None

Risk Management

- 9 The report has identified the key areas of risk and Grant Thornton will report their findings to future meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee.

Consultees

- 10 None

Appendices

- The Audit Update Report

Background Papers

- None identified.