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| <b>Meeting:</b>         | <b>Audit &amp; Governance Committee</b>                     |
| <b>Meeting date:</b>    | <b>16 July 2015</b>   |
| <b>Title of report:</b> | <b>Grant Thornton Audit and Governance Committee Update</b> |
| <b>Report by:</b>       | <b>Director of resources</b>                                |

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards Affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

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

## **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:**

- (a) the report be noted.**

## **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 Councils external auditors. The report also refers to emerging issues and developments that may be relevant to Herefordshire.

## **Key considerations**

- 3 Grant Thornton's report is attached as an Appendix. The report provides the committee with a progress update in delivering their responsibilities as the councils external auditors, no areas of concern have been highlighted in their work completed to date.
- 4 The report also refers to emerging issues and developments that may be relevant to Herefordshire and the Committee may wish to consider what assurances you would like to receive on these issues.

## **Community impact**

- 6 None.

## **Equality duty**

- 7 None.

## **Financial implications**

- 8 None.

## **Legal implications**

- 9 None.

## **Risk management**

- 10 The report highlights the key areas of risk and Grant Thornton will report their findings at future Committee meetings.

## **Consultees**

- 11 None.

## **Appendices**

APPENDIX A Herefordshire Council LG Audit Committee Update (June 2015)

## **Background papers**

None