

## **REPORT TO AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting: 24 June 2015**

**Report of: Assistant Director Finance**

**Title: RESPONSES TO GRANT THORNTON – 2014/15**

### **Is this a Key Decision?**

No

\* One that affects finances over £1m or significantly affects two or more wards. If this is a key decision then the item must be on the appropriate forward plan of key decisions.

### **Is this an Executive or Council Function?**

Council

#### **1. What is the report about?**

1.1 The report sets out the responses of the Chair of Audit & Governance and the Council's Management team to the questions from Grant Thornton, which were reported to this Committee on 11 March 2015.

#### **2. Recommendations:**

It is recommended that:

2.1 Audit and Governance Committee supports the responses made.

#### **3. Reasons for the recommendation:**

3.1 The Council is required to respond to the questions as part of the External Audit arrangements of the Council.

#### **4. What are the resource implications including non financial resources.**

4.1 There are no resource implications contained within the report.

#### **5. Section 151 Officer comments:**

5.1 The responses made are in line with our understanding of the arrangements currently in place within the Council.

**6. What are the legal aspects?**

6.1 None.

**7. Monitoring Officer's comments:**

7.1 This report raises no issues of concern for the Monitoring Officer.

**8. Report details:**

8.1 Appendix A and B set out the questions raised by Grant Thornton and the responses of management and the Chair respectively.

**9. How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan?**

9.1 This is a statutory requirement and does not contribute directly to the Council's Corporate Plan.

**10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?**

10.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report

**11. What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity; health and wellbeing; safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, community safety and the environment?**

11.1 Not applicable

**12. Are there any other options?**

12.1 Not applicable

**Assistant Director Finance**

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)**

**Background papers used in compiling this report:-**

None

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