
REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 4
DATE OF MEETING:	13th DECEMBER 2012	CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	GRANT THORNTON: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2011/12	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the report is considered and approved.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 For Grant Thornton, as the Council's appointed auditors, to present the Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the key issues arising from the work that the External Auditor's have undertaken at the Council during 2011/12. The Letter is designed to communicate key messages to the Council and external stakeholders, including members of the public. The letter is published on the Audit Commission's website and also on the Council's website

3.2 The Letter covers key messages and conclusions from work on:-

- Auditing the 2011/12 year end accounts.
- The accuracy of grant claims and returns to various government departments and other agencies.
- Assessing the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness to ensure that Value for Money (VFM) is achieved.

3.3 This includes comments on the Council's financial performance and position, its financial systems and other project based work undertaken in the year. The detailed report is attached.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None directly.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None directly.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None directly.

7.0 Background Papers

None