



AUDIT COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

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Summary

This report presents Grant Thornton's plan for the audit of the accounts for the financial year 2018/19 (Appendix 1).

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 International Standards on Auditing require the audit plan to be communicated to 'those charged with governance.' The terms of reference of this committee include: discussions with the external auditor on new accounting standards, changes to the reporting framework and the basis of the annual audit, including the content of performance work.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with the International Standards on Auditing it is necessary to communicate the annual audit plan for 2018/19.
- 2.2 The purpose of the audit plan is to provide an overview of the planned scope and timings of the statutory audit of Medway Council for those charged with governance.
- 2.3 The overall scope of the work to be carried out is determined by the Code and International Standards on Auditing. The Auditors are responsible for forming and expressing an opinion on
- the financial statements
 - the Value for Money arrangements in place for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in our use of resources.
- 2.4 The Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2019 is attached as Appendix 1 of this report. Page 11 and 12 of the Plan details proposed fees for core audit

amounting to £109,687 along with certification of the Housing Benefit Subsidy fee of £20,000.

3. Legal and finance implications

3.1 There are no legal implications.

3.2 The financial implications are set out in paragraph 2.4.

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the Audit Committee notes the proposed annual Audit Plan for 2018/19.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Grant Thornton – External Audit Plan year ending 31 March 2019 – Medway Council

Background papers:

None