



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 26 March 2019	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **External Audit Plan (2018/19)**

Report Author(s): **Stephen Hinds (Director of Finance & Transformation / Section 151 Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	The report details the Council's External Audit Plan to cover the 2018/19 Accounts and Financial Statements.
Report Summary:	The Audit Plan sets out the work that the Council's appointed external auditors Grant Thornton propose to do for the audit of Accounts and Financial Statements and provide an opinion of use of resources and a value for money (VFM) conclusion for 2018/19.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report be noted.
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Corporate Priorities:	Effective Service Provision (CP2)
Vision and Values:	"A Strong Borough Together" (Vision) Accountability (V1) Teamwork (V3) Innovation (V4) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Financial:	The implications are as set out in this report and appendix.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources (CR1) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Increased Fraud (CR10)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.

Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. External Audit Plan (2018/19)

1. Information

- 1.1 The Audit Plan sets out the work that the Council's appointed external auditors Grant Thornton propose to do for the audit of Accounts and Financial Statements and provide an opinion of use of resources and a value for money (VFM) conclusion for 2018/19.
- 1.2 The Audit Plan includes:
 - their audit approach;
 - their VFM audit approach; and
 - details of their audit team deliverables, timeline and fees.
- 2.** The indicative fee for this work is £32,944. The appropriate provision has been made for the costs of audit work in the Council's budget.