



Audit Committee	Wednesday, 04 March 2020	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Draft External Audit Plan (2019/20)**

Report Author(s): **Clive Mason (Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	The report details the Council's External Audit Plan to cover the 2019/20 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 2019/20.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
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Corporate Priorities:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
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 the appendices.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (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.
Deputy Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft External Audit Plan (2019/20) 2. Email to All Opted-In Section 151 Officers (December 2019) 3. Audit Scope & Additional Work Letter (February 2020) (Exempt)

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 2019/20.
- 1.2 The Audit Plan includes:
 - their audit approach;
 - their VFM audit approach; and
 - details of their audit team deliverables, timeline and fees.
- 1.3. The indicative fee for this work is £39,144.00. The appropriate provision has been made for the costs of audit work in the Council's budget.