



<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Thursday, 17 July 2025</b>	<b>Matter for Information</b>
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**Report Title:** External Audit Plan (2024/25)

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<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To present the External Audit Progress Plan for 2024/25
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The report and appendix include the External Audit progress report and a sector update as at June 2025.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	That the content of the report and appendix be noted.
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<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	Our Council (SO1) Our Economy (SO3) Our Partners (SO5)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	"Our Borough - The Place To Be" (Vision) Resourceful & Resilient (V4)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Key Supplier / Partnership Failure (CR2) Reputation Damage (CR4) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Increased Fraud (CR10) Cyber Threat / Security (CR11)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.

<b>Consultees:</b>	None
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1.</b> External Audit Progress Report and Sector Updates (June 2025)

## **1. 2024/25 Audit Progress Update**

- 1.1 The attached appendix highlights the current progress with the External Audit. The Audit began in February of 2025 with Audit Planning work and advanced testing, with the Statement of Accounts and working papers being delivered to Grant Thornton on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to enable them to commence the remaining audit work.
- 1.1.1 The second part of the report provides members with an update on current changes within the Audit Sector.