

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Corporate Audit Committee</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
TITLE:	<b>External Audit Update</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: <b>E</b>
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> <b>Appendix 1 – Annual Audit Letter</b> <b>Appendix 2 – External Audit Update Report</b>		

## **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 The External Auditor will provide a general update to the Committee on their work, including the Annual Audit Letter.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to note the report and updates provided by the External Auditor.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

## **4 THE REPORT**

4.1 Appendix 1 details the Annual Audit Letter for the Council which summarises all the work undertaken by Grant Thornton over the period.

4.2 Appendix 2 provides an update on the External Auditors work for Bath & North East Somerset Council along with references to a number of national initiatives, announcements and publications which may be of use to the Council.

4.3 The External Auditor will provide a fuller verbal briefing on all these areas at the meeting.

**5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 A proportionate risk assessment has been carried out in relation to the Councils risk management guidance. There are no new significant risks or issues to report to the Committee as a result of this report.

**6. EQUALITIES**

6.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been carried out using corporate guidelines, no significant issues to report.

**7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Section 151 Finance Officer.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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