

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Corporate Audit Committee</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
TITLE:	<b>External Audit – Annual Report</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 – B&amp;NES Council / Avon Pension Fund Audit Progress Report and Sector Update</b>		

## **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 The External Auditor will present an update on their work for the Council and Pension Fund which includes results of interim audit work and audit fees for 2021/22.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to note the update report.

## **3 THE REPORT**

3.1 Appendix 1 is an 'Audit Progress Report and Sector Update'.

3.2 The External Auditor will provide a briefing on the report. The key message being that Grant Thornton are aiming to complete both opinion audits ahead of the 30 November 2022 deadline.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific statutory considerations related to this report.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

5.1 There are no direct resource implications from this report directly.

**6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 A proportionate risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

**7. EQUALITIES**

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

**8. CLIMATE CHANGE**

8.1 There are no direct climate change implications related to this report.

**9. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9.1 No other options to consider related to this report.

**10. CONSULTATION**

10.1 The Council's Section 151 Officer has had the opportunity to input to this report and has cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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