

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING:	3RD MARCH 2016
SUBJECT OF REPORT:	EXTERNAL AUDIT – GRANT CERTIFICATION REPORT, ANNUAL PLAN & GENERAL UPDATES
TOWN OR PARISH:	ALL
OFFICER PRESENTING:	PETER BARBER – GRANT THORNTON
KEY DECISION:	NO

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee notes the reports presented by the External Auditor (Appendices 1, 2 & 3).

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The External Auditor will present their Grant Certification Report (Appendix 1), Audit Plan (Appendix 2) and a general update report (Appendix 3).

2. POLICY

None

3. DETAILS

Appendix 1 details the Grant Certification report for the Council which summarises all the work undertaken by Grant Thornton in respect of major grant returns.

Appendix 2 provides the detailed Audit Plan outlining the work to be conducted by the External Auditors North Somerset Council.

Appendix 3 details a current update on last year's plan along with references to a number of national initiatives, announcements and publications which may be of use to the Council.

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

4. CONSULTATION

The content of the reports has been consulted with the S151 Officer and relevant other officers.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The work of the External Auditor mitigates against any failure by the Council to obtain independent assurance in relation to the preparation of its Accounts and associated internal control, risk management and governance processes.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

None.

9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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