

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT OF REPORT:</b>	<b>EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER &amp; UPDATE REPORT</b>
<b>TOWN OR PARISH:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>OFFICER PRESENTING:</b>	<b>JEFF WRING – HEAD OF AUDIT WEST</b>
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>NO</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

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

### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The External Auditor will present their Annual Audit Letter (Appendix 1) and a general update report (Appendix 2).

### 2. POLICY

None

### 3. DETAILS

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

Appendix 2 provides an update on the External Auditors work for North Somerset Council 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

There are no direct financial implications from this report which is focussed on updates and information.

## **6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications from this report which is focussed on updates and information.

## **7. 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.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **9. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **10. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None.

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