

Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 3 April 2017

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Response of the Audit and Governance Committee Chair to Grant Thornton's request for information to support its compliance with International Standards on Auditing

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

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Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The response attached at Appendix 'B' is considered and approved.
- b) The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee be authorised to sign the response on behalf of the committee.

Background and Advice

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Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This letter will provide supporting evidence to Grant Thornton in determining its opinion on the financial statements of the County Council for 2016/17.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A