

## **Audit and Governance Committee**

Meeting to be held on 24 June 2013

Electoral Division affected: All
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### **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**

The external auditor, Grant Thornton, is obliged to comply with International Auditing Standards and, although it has a good understanding of how the Audit and Governance Committee gains assurance over management processes and arrangements, it is required formally to update this understanding annually.

The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee has been asked to provide information in respect of both Lancashire County Council and the Lancashire Pension Fund relating to:

- fraud and internal control;
- laws and regulations;
- litigation and claims; and
- going concern.

A response has been prepared for consideration by the committee and is attached at Appendix A. The letter from Grant Thornton is attached at Appendix B.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

- a) the response attached at Appendix A 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**

The letter from Fiona Blatcher, Associate Director, Grant Thornton is attached at Appendix B.

#### **Implications**

This letter will provide supporting evidence to Grant Thornton in determining its opinion on the financial statements of the County Council and the Pension Fund for 2012/13.

#### **Risk management**

Not applicable.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/ Directorate/ Ext
Letter from Fiona Blatcher, Associate Director, Grant Thornton	20 March 2013	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:

Not appropriate.