

Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting to be held on 30 June 2015

Electoral Division affected: All

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

This reports sets out the proposed response of the Audit and Governance Committee to Grant Thornton's request for information to support its compliance with International Standards on Auditing.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider and approve the response to Grant Thornton, as presented at Appendix 'A'.
2. Authorise the chair of the Committee to sign the response on behalf of the committee.

Background and advice

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 Lancashire County Council relating to fraud and internal control.

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'.

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 2014/15.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/ Service/ Ext
Letter from Grant Thornton	16 June 2015	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:

N/A