

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
12 MARCH 2021**EXTERNAL AUDITOR - ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20,
AND 2020/21 PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE**

Recommendation

1. **The Chief Financial Officer recommends that:**
 - a) **The Annual Audit Letter 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 be noted;**
 - b) **The Committee considers whether it wishes to receive any further reports on information contained in the Letter;**
 - c) **The Committee considers whether there are any issues arising from the Letter to draw to the attention of the Council; and**
 - d) **The content of the External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update as set out in the Appendix 2 be noted.**

Summary

2. Peter Barber, Director from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to discuss two reports for committee consideration.

3. Grant Thornton is responsible for producing an Annual Audit Letter which brings together all aspects of external inspection work undertaken across the County Council including the audit work carried out on the accounts. The Annual Audit Letter looks back over the 2019/20 year and summarises all of the reports and work the external auditors have undertaken and closes that year's audit. As such there are no new audit findings.

4. Additionally, a progress report for the 2020/21 external audit is also included.

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Supporting Information

- **Appendix 1** - The 2019/20 Annual Audit Letter for Worcestershire County Council
- **Appendix 2** – 2020/21 Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Pension Fund External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Chief Financial Officer) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.