

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **11 MARCH 2022**

## **EXTERNAL AUDITOR – AUDITOR’S ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2020/21**

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#### **Recommendation**

- 1. The Chief Financial Officer recommends that:**
  - a) The Annual Audit Report 2020/21 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 Report; and**
  - c) The Committee considers whether there are any issues arising from the Report to draw to the attention of the Council.**

#### **Summary**

2. A representative from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to discuss the Annual Audit Report for committee consideration.
3. Grant Thornton is responsible for producing an Annual Audit Report 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 Report looks back over the 2020/21 year and summarises all of the reports and work the external auditors have undertaken and closes that year’s audit.
4. The Report includes the auditor’s opinion on the Council’s arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources and opportunities for improvement.

#### **Contact Points**

##### Specific Contact Points for this report

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#### **Supporting Information**

- **Appendix** - The 2020/21 Annual Audit Report for Worcestershire County Council

## **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.