

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2013

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To report responses to the issues raised in the Annual Audit Letter 2012/13

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE :

That

(A)	the Committee endorse the response to the Annual Audit Letter and action plans relating to the ISA 260 report and Value for Money arrangements
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1.0 Background

1.1 The Annual Audit Letter from the Council's External Auditor is elsewhere on the agenda. The letter sets out key messages for the Council arising from the 2012/13 audit.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Annual Audit letter summarises the key issues arising from the work undertaken by Grant Thornton UK LLP for the year ended 31 March 2013.

2.2 The letter follows on from the report submitted to the Committee by the External Auditors at its meeting in September 2013.

2.3 One area was identified within the September 13 report relating to IT systems and an agreed action plan was included in that report. The committee is invited to endorse this action plan which can be found in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.4 No further areas were identified for action within the Annual Audit Letter and no objections were raised on the accounts for 2012/13.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Annual Audit Letter (on this agenda)
Audit Findings Report (September 2013)

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