



**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2021**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

**ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20 for approval.

**Background**

2. A copy of the Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20 is included as an Appendix to this report. A representative from Grant Thornton UK LLP, will attend the meeting in order to present the letter and answer any questions.

**Annual Audit Letter**

3. The Annual Audit Letter summarises the outcome of Grant Thornton's work at the County Council for the 2019/20 audit year.
4. The external auditor is in the process of completing the audit of the Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) return following guidance issued by the National Audit Office. No issues are anticipated and an assurance statement will be issued at the conclusion of the audit. No other issues are raised within the report.

**Recommendation**

5. The Committee is asked to approve the Annual Audit Letter and agree its distribution to all Members of the Council.

**Equality and Human Rights Implications**

6. None.

**Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

7. None.

**Background Papers**

8. None.

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