

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 23 September 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Community & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: External Audit Update Report

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this item is for Grant Thornton to:

- Update the Board on the progress made in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors;
- Provide a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to the work of the Board.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board notes the report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please see attached report.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

There are no specific implications for any of the Council's priorities.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

See 6.1.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

See 6.1.

6.4 A Safer Halton

See 6.1.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

See 6.1.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

This report is for information only. There are no risks arising from it.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.