

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 24 February 2016

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 the report is for the Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton, to update the Board on progress made in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors and to provide a summary of emerging national issues and developments which may be relevant to the work of the Board.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to present the report shown in the Appendix.

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

None.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

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.