

**REPORT TO:** Business Efficiency Board

**DATE:** 1 February 2017

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, 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