

REPORT TO: Audit and Governance Board
DATE: 22 March 2023
REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Finance
PORTFOLIO: Leader's
SUBJECT: External Audit Progress & Sector Report
WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the External Audit Progress and Sector Report, which will be presented by the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the External Audit Progress and Sector Report, be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The External Audit Progress and Sector Report is attached to this report and will be presented at the Board by Grant Thornton UK LLP.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

6.3 A Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

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

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

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

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None

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

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.