

REPORT TO: Audit & Governance Board
DATE: 26 June 2024
REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Finance
PORTFOLIO: Corporate Services
SUBJECT: External Audit Plan – 2023/24 Year-End
WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the External Audit Plan relating to the 2023/24 year-end, which will be presented by the Council’s external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the External Audit Plan for 2023/24 year-end, be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The External Audit Plan for 2023/24 year-end 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 The report contains details of the external audit fees for 2023/24

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 The external audit plan is based upon Grant Thornton UK LLP's risk-based approach to audit planning. The risks that have been considered as part of the opinion planning process are detailed in the attached report.

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.