

Audit and Standards Committee

12th February 2015

External Auditors Report - 2014/15 Warwickshire County Council Audit Plan

Recommendation

The Audit and Standards Committee is asked to consider and make any comments on the Warwickshire County Council 2014/15 Audit Plan from the External Auditors, attached at **Appendix A**.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council's Audit and Standards Committee of the External Auditors plan of work in relation to the Council's 2014/15 accounts.
- 1.2 The Audit Plan for the Warwickshire Pension Fund will be part of the June Audit & Standards Committee agenda as changes to Pension Fund Auditing requirements are still being finalised.
- 1.3 The plan has been prepared by Grant Thornton UK LLP, our appointed external auditors, in the context of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies issued by the Audit Commission.
- 1.4 Their annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice ('the Code') issued by the Audit Commission and includes nationally prescribed and locally determined work.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the conduct of its business, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for. In preparing the plan before the Committee today the Auditors have considered how the Council is fulfilling these responsibilities and the key risks it faces.
- 1.6 The Audit Engagement Lead will attend the meeting to present the report, attached at **Appendix A**.

2.0 Background Papers

None

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