

## Audit & Standards Committee

10 March 2016

### External Auditors Report - 2015/16 Warwickshire County Council Audit Plan

#### Recommendation

The Audit and Standards Committee is asked to consider and make any comments on the Warwickshire County Council 2015/16 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 2015/16 accounts.
- 1.2 The Audit Plan for the Warwickshire Pension Fund is elsewhere on the agenda.
- 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 National Audit Office.
- 1.4 Their annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice ('the Code') issued by the Audit Commission and developed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office 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 A representative from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to present the report, attached at **Appendix A**.

#### 2.0 Background Papers

- 2.1 None

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Not applicable

Other Members consulted

None