



Audit Panel

Report title: Grant Thornton External Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21

Date: 21 June 2022

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Executive Director of Corporate Resources

Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this report is to:

- Present the final External Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present the final External Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Audit Panel is recommended to note the contents of the report.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The information set out in the financial accounts is consistent with the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities (contained within the Corporate Strategy 2018-22) and is particularly relevant to the Council's strong and resilient framework for prioritising action which has assisted the organisation in the face of austerity and ongoing cuts to local government spending.

4. Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21

- 4.1. Grant Thornton, the external auditors for London Borough of Lewisham Council and Pension Fund will present the final Annual Report for 2020/21. This covers the Value for Money (VFM) work required as part of the overall audit which was conducted by the auditors following the completion of the Financial Statement and Annual Governance Statement work.
- 4.2. The recommendations, which are accepted by management, will be added to the action tracker for progress with their implementation to be reported on as part of the Audit Panel standing agenda item.
- 4.3. This is included within Appendix A.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. There are no equalities implications directly arising from this report.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1. There are no climate change and environmental implications directly arising from this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1. There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1. There are no health and wellbeing implications directly arising from this report.

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12. Appendices

12.1. Appendix A – Auditor’s Annual Report on the London Borough of Lewisham

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