

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2019
EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS
REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
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(The report is for information)

1. PURPOSE

To receive various reports from Grant Thornton, the Council's external auditors.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the contents of the reports.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Attached at Appendix A is the Audit Plan for 2018/19 which summarises the work to be carried out by Grant Thornton at the Council for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- 3.2. Attached at Appendix B is a Housing Benefit Subsidy Certification Letter for 2017/18. The subsidy claim was for £23.4 million, following the audit of the claim an adjustment of £6,252 was made to the claim. The external auditor has made a number of recommendations to improve processes for future subsidy claims.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The fee for the certification of the subsidy claim was originally established at £12,900. As a result of errors found during the audit, additional testing was required. The additional testing has resulted in an additional external audit fee for work of £1,536.

5. REASONS

- 5.1. To meet the Council's statutory obligations

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