Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting: 23 September 2019

Title of Report: GTUK Draft Audit Findings Report

Lead Member: Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance)

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Your Reference: FIN/GD

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To receive the draft Audit Findings Report from Grant Thornton UK (GTUK).

Recommendations and Reasons

- 1. To **note** the contents of the GTUK draft Audit Findings Report attached as Appendix A.
 - a. Reason: For members to note the contents of the report and the management recommendations.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – It is a statutory requirement to produce and approve the Statement of Accounts.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Council's expenditure forms the basis on which the Corporate Plan can be delivered.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The 2018/19 final accounts will have implications on the Medium Term Financial Plan. The level of Working Balance and reserves will affect the level of funding available in future years and variations in service expenditure will also need to be reviewed to assess the effects on future years.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None directly arising in relation to the decision.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

N/A

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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Α	GTUK Audit Findings Report (draft)								

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Andrew Hardingham

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 19/09/2019

Cabinet Member approval: Approved verbally

Date approved: 19/09/2019