Report Title	External Audit Plan – Recommendations Response
Meeting	Accounts and Audit Committee
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Directorate	Resources
Lead Executive Member(s)	Finance Portfolio – Cllr M Hanif
Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	N/A

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update in respect of action taken on Audit Recommendations from prior years.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, the committee is recommended to:

2.1 Note the current progress made in respect of the recommendations as set out in the External Audit Plan report.

3. Information: The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

3.1 Recommendations are received from the External Auditors, Grant Thornton, at the completion of each audit process.

3.2 All recommendations are considered by management and a response provided with intended actions.

3.3 Actions taken cannot be verified by Grant Thornton until the completion of the next audit. As such all recommendations are currently shown as 'in progress' within the Audit Plan.

3.4 Management progress and comments on all recommendations are provided in **Appendix A**

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

4.1 The recommendations ensure the Council takes required action to achieve the best possible audit position.

5.0 Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

Legal and Governance Implications

5.2 Legal and Governance issues are dealt with throughout the report.

Climate and Biodiversity Implications

5.3 There are no climate of biodiversity implications arising from this report.

Human Resources Implications

5.4 There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

5.5 There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

6.0 Consultation

6.1 Consultation on the contents of this report is not required.

7.0 Alternative Options Considered

7.1 No alternative options are available.

8.0 Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

9.0 Background Documents

9.1 Please see External Audit Plan Report – Item 7 of this agenda.

10.0 Contact Officer

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