

REPORT TO: AUDIT COMMITTEE

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**REPORT TITLE: WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY AUDIT
PLAN YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

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Purpose of Report

1 External Auditors to present the West of England Combined Authority Audit Plan for year ending 31 March 2023.

Recommendation

- To approve the External Auditors (Grant Thornton) Audit Plan for Year Ending March 2023.

Background / Issues for Consideration

2 Grant Thornton are the appointed external auditors for the Authority. They carry out their audit work in accordance with the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice, which reflects the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The auditor's key responsibilities are to:

- give an opinion on the Authority's financial statements and
- assess the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (the value for money conclusion)

2.1 The Audit Plan is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Consultation

3 The Audit Plan is being presented to the Audit Committee for comment.

3.1 The following items are covered in the report:

- Significant Risks Identified;
- Progress Against Prior Year Recommendations;
- Audit Fees;

Appendices:

Appendix 1: West of England Combined Authority Audit Plan for year ending 31 March 2023.

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