

WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

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REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

GRANT THORNTON: AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT – WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

Purpose

This paper provides the West of England Audit Committee with an overview of Grant Thornton's findings to date on the Mayoral Combined Authority to secure economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources as prescribed by the National Audit Office (NAO) Code of Audit Practice.

Summary

This report includes the following key information:

- Executive Summary.
- Use of Auditors Powers.
- Securing Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in its Use of Resources.
- The Current Local Government Landscape.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Financial Governance.
- Improvement Recommendations.
- Governance.
- Improving Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness.
- Follow Up of Previous Recommendations.
- Opinion on the Financial Statements.
- Other Reporting Requirements.

Appendices:

- A – The responsibilities of the Combined Authority.
- B – An explanatory note on recommendations.

Recommendations

The Audit Committee are asked to note the report.

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