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To: Governance and Audit Committee – 19th July 2017

Subject: **External Audit – Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2016/17**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This paper sets the context to the External Auditor's Annual Pension Fund Audit Findings report.

FOR DECISION

Introduction and background

1. Grant Thornton, as External Auditor to the Council, is required to report to the Committee the findings from the audit of the 2016/17 Pension Fund financial statements (included in the Council's financial statements).
2. The report include the key messages arising from the audit work undertaken to address the risks identified in the Audit Plan presented to this Committee in April 2017.

Process

3. The 2016/17 Pension Fund financial statements were provided to Grant Thornton for audit in June 2017 and the audit of the financial statements progressed shortly after. with completion by early July 2017.
4. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the audit and report to help inform their decision before formally approving the 2016/17 financial statements.

Recommendations

5. Members of the Governance and Audit Committee are asked to:
 - agree the findings in the report:

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