

Report To: PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT PANEL

Date: 23 March 2018

Reporting Officer: Paddy Dowdall, Assistant Director of Pensions (Local Investments and Property)

Subject: 2017/2018 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Report Summary: A report of Grant Thornton is attached, which sets out the external auditor's approach to the 2017/2018 audit.

Recommendations: That the Management Panel note the contents of the report.

**Financial Implications:
(Authorised by the Section 151
Officer)** The estimated audit fee for 2017/2018 is £56,341

**Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Solicitor to
the Fund)** It is a requirement that the Fund's accounts are externally audited.

Risk Management: In undertaking the audit, the auditor will identify the business risks and assess the Fund's own risk management and internal control environment. The auditor will also consider the financial performance and provide reassurance that the accounts provide a "true and fair view".

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This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.

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