


<b>London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</b> <b>AUDIT, PENSIONS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b> <b>24 September 2019</b>		 hammersmith & fulham
<b>ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2018/19</b>		
<b>Report of the Strategic Director for Finance and Governance</b>		
<b>Open Report</b>		
<b>Classification:</b> For Information <b>Key Decision:</b> No		
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None		
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Council's external auditor – Grant Thornton - have issued their Annual Audit Letter. The letter summarises the key findings arising from the work that they have carried out at Hammersmith and Fulham Council and the Pension fund for the year ended 31 March 2019. The letter is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2. Grant Thornton have also provided a fee variation letter that seeks agreement from the Strategic Director of Finance and Governance to increase the external audit fee for additional work performed in connection with the 2018-19 statutory audits of the Council and the Pension Fund. The fee variation letter is attached as Appendix 2.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. To note the contents of auditor's letters.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

#### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

None.

#### **LIST OF APPENDICES:**

- Appendix 1 – Annual Audit Letter 2018/19
- Appendix 2 – Fee Variation Letter