

Final External Audit Annual Report



Paper for noting

1. Purpose

To present the final external audit annual report for 2018/19 as produced by Grant Thornton, LLP, the Authority's external auditors.

2. Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

3. Contribution to National Park Partnership Plan and Our 5-year Plan

The external audit report supports the statutory duty to prepare annual accounts. The report supports the management of risk in the organisation which supports delivery of the National Park Partnership Plan and Our 5-year Plan.

4. Report

The draft report was presented to the Audit Committee on 27th June 2019. The accounts were signed in August 2019. The final external audit report from Grant Thornton is attached.

The report details the audit of the financial statements, the financial and governance arrangements, recommendations, details of fees, audit adjustments and a section on audit matters to those charged with governance.

The report concludes that there were:

- No significant going concern matters identified
- No significant findings from the audit
- No significant difficulties encountered during the audit,
- No significant deficiencies in internal control identified during the audit
- No significant matters arising in connection with related parties
- No identification or suspicion of fraud involving management
- No instances on non-compliance with laws and regulations noted and
- No unadjusted misstatements.

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