
Meeting: Audit Committee

Date: 12 April 2010

Subject: Indicative Fee Letter 2010/11

Report of: Audit Commission

Summary: To receive the indicative fee letter from the Audit Commission for 2010/11.

Contact Officer: Cathy O'Carroll, Audit Commission

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Audit Committee

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The activities of External Audit are crucial to the governance arrangements of the organisation and as such are supporting all of the priorities of the Council.

Financial:

The indicative fee set out in the attached report is covered by the budget provision made in 2010/11.

Legal:

Audit Commission Act 1998

Risk Management:

There is a risk that additional work will need to be undertaken by the Audit Commission in 2010/11 which would lead to additional fees. This would have to be agreed in advance by the Director of Customer and Shared Services.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None directly from this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None directly from this report.

Community Safety:

None directly from this report

Sustainability:

None directly from this report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit Committee note the 2010/11 indicative audit fee.

Background

1. The information contained within external audit reports should be used by those charged with governance, to help confirm the governance and internal control arrangements in place at the council.
2. A member of our External Auditor team will present their report attached at Appendix A, indicating the indicative audit fee for 2010/11.
3. Committee members will have the opportunity to raise questions or discuss any aspects relating to the progress report.

Appendices:

Appendix A Annual Audit Fee 2010/11

Background Papers:

None

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands, Bedfordshire