

6 July 2017		ITEM: 7
Standards and Audit Committee		
External Audit Fee Letter 2017/2018		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Sean Clark, Director of Finance and IT		
Accountable Head of Service: Sean Clark, Director of Finance and IT		
Accountable Director: Sean Clark, Director of Finance and IT		
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Executive Summary

This report introduces the External Audit Fee Letter for 2017/18 which will be presented by Ernst and Young.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the report be noted

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This report sets out the audit and certification work relating to the 2017/18 financial year proposed by the external auditors.

The scale fee associated with this work has been set by the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) and covers:

- The audit of the financial statements
- The value for money conclusion
- The Whole of Government Accounts

There is also additional fee for the audit of the group accounts.

The certification fee relates to work on the housing benefit subsidy claim. The PSAA will set the certification work fee based on the 2015/16 fee. This is in the process of being finalised and will be notified in due course

2.2 The planned fee for the main audit is £137,723 as set out in Appendix 1.

3. Implications

3.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Jonathan Wilson**
Chief Accountant

The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

3.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**
Deputy Head of Legal Services

There are no specific legal implications from this report.

3.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Price**
Community Development Officer

There are no specific diversity and equality implications from this report.

3.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

There are no specific implications from the report

4. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- N/A

5. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1 – Ernst and Young Audit Fee Letter 2017/18

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