

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE			
SUBJECT:	EXTERNAL AUDIT FEE LETTER FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019			
DATE OF DECISION:	11 JUNE 2018			
REPORT OF:	EXTERNAL AUDITOR			
<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u>				
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
N/A	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
<p>From 2018/19, new arrangements for local auditor appointment set out in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 apply for principal local government and police bodies. These audited bodies are responsible for making their own arrangements for the audit of their accounts and certification of their housing benefit subsidy claim. Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) has appointed auditors for bodies (such as Southampton City Council) that have opted into the national scheme. Appointments were made for a 5 year period, covering the audits of the accounts for 2018/19 to 2022/23. EY are writing to confirm the audit work that they propose to undertake for the 2018/19 financial year at Southampton City Council under those arrangements.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	<p>(i) The Governance Committee is invited to comment on and note The External Audit Fee Letter for the Year Ending 31 March 2019 as attached.</p>
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
	<p>Issued in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice, the Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Ltd, auditing standards and other professional requirements.</p>
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
	<p>None.</p>
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
	<p>The External Audit Fee Letter for the Year Ending 31 March 2019 has been provided to relevant senior managers for comment.</p>

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
Capital/Revenue	
	N/A.
Property/Other	
	N/A.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
	Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice, the Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Ltd, auditing standards and other professional requirements
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
	N/A.
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
	N/A.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
	N/A.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	The External Audit Fee Letter for the Year Ending 31 March 2019
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at: N/A	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to

		be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
	N/A	