

DECISION-MAKER:		GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	
SUBJECT:		EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT FEE LETTER 2017-18	
DATE OF DECISION:		12th June 2017	
REPORT OF:		Chief Financial Officer	
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This letter confirms the audit work and associated fee proposed by external audit for the 2017/18 financial year. The fee was set by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) and has been agreed with the Service Director - Finance and Commercialisation (Chief Financial Officer).			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	To note the external auditor's 'Audit Fee Letter' as attached Appendix 1.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	The Governance Committee's terms of reference require it to be satisfied that appropriate action is taken on risk and internal control related issues identified by the external auditors. Specifically, the Committee has responsibility for oversight of the reports of external audit.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	The report, as attached in Appendix 1, has been discussed and agreed with the Chief Executive and the Service Director - Finance and Commercialisation.		
4.	It should be noted that from 2018/19, new arrangements for local auditor appointment set out in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 will apply for principal local government and police bodies. The Council has previously resolved to opt into the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors. PSAA will enter into a number of contracts with appropriately qualified audit firms and appoint a suitable firm to be the Council's external auditor from 1st April 2018.		

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>		
5.	None	
<u>Property/Other</u>		
6.	None	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>		
7.	Local Government Act 1999	
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>		
8.	None	
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS		
9.	The report is for noting. There are no significant risks to consider	
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
10.	None	
KEY DECISION?		No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Audit Fee Letter 2017/18	
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:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	