

TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
28TH JUNE 2017

EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATES
BOROUGH TREASURER

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Council's External Auditor to present to the Committee the Audit Fee for the 2017/18 audit and a progress report on work undertaken since the last Committee meeting in March.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee receives an update from the External Auditor on work undertaken and notes the Audit fee 2017/18.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of External Audit's work and next year's fee level.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None available.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Council's External Auditor Ernst and Young has provided for the Committee a report setting out its recent work and a formal fee letter which was sent to the Chief Executive in April. Helen Thompson, Director, Ernst and Young will attend the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Nothing to add to the report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 None arising from this report.

Other Officers

- 6.5 Not applicable

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Not applicable

Background Papers

None

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