

Audit Committee – 29th June 2009

Report of the Interim Director of Finance

Audit Commission Fee Letters 2009/10

Purpose of Report

1. The Audit Commission's Fee Letters for 2009/10 are attached and the Audit Manager will be available at the meeting to deal with any issues.

Background

2. In addition to their work on the Council's accounts and financial systems, the External Auditors have a wide mandate to carry out Inspection and Value for Money work. Outline proposals for the work to be carried out and the fees to be charged are set out in:-
 - the Annual Audit Fee Letter 2009/10 (attached as Appendix 1). This sets out work to be carried out in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Members will see that it is proposed to review the Council's arrangements for business transformation and its partnership work with the PCT to tackle alcohol and drug abuse;
 - the Annual Inspection Fee Letter 2009/10 (attached as Appendix 2). This relates to work on the "Managing Performance" theme of the Council's organisational assessment under Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).

Finance

3. The Council has made revenue budget provision for the annual audit fee, inspection fees and grant audits. It is anticipated that any costs arising from the above audit work will be met from within existing resources.

Law

4. Legislation appertaining to Local Authority Audit and Accounts is contained in the Local Government Act 1999, the Audit Commission Act, 1998, and regulations made therein.

Equality Impact

5. There are no direct implications for children and young people.

Recommendation

6. That Members note the Audit Commission fee letters attached to this report.



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