

<b>Subject:</b>	Audit and Accounts Committee Update – External Audit 2015-16 Audit Fee Letter	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Accounts Committee	<b>Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
<b>Report of:</b>	Grant Thornton	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Resources and Performance
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	Members are asked to consider the audit fee letter for the 2015/16 audit.

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 The fee letter sets out the planned audit fee for the 2015/16 audit. It also sets out the overall timing of the work required to complete the audit.

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 The matters discussed in this fee letter do not impact directly on the Council's corporate priorities.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The fee letter highlights the planned audit fee for the 2015/16 audit, which was set by the Audit Commission. The letter includes other details of the audit, for example the timing and scope of the work required.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 This is a report of the External Auditor.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 This is a report of the External Auditor.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Not applicable.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The planned audit fee.