

AUDIT COMMITTEE

28th June 2006

Annual Audit & Inspection Plan 2006/7

Report of Corporate Director (Finance & Performance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the Committee's endorsement to the 2006/07 Annual Audit & Inspection Plan

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the Committee endorse the attached 2006/7 Annual Audit & Inspection Plan subject to any amendments made at the meeting.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Attached for the Committee's consideration is the 2006/7 Draft Annual Audit and Inspection Plan plus attachments from the Council's external auditor. The Plan maps out the programme of audit work planned for 2006/7 based on a risk assessment undertaken by the District Auditor that has regard to previous recent assessment and inspection work.
- 1.2.1 As in previous years, the Programme is delivered in partnership with the Council's own Internal Audit staff. The Plan clearly sets out what part of the programme will be undertaken by the District Auditor and that to be undertaken by Internal Audit.
- 1.3 Lastly, the Plan sets out the likely fee for undertaking the programme and a timetable of the reports the Council will receive throughout the period. In order to reduce audit fees, a number of specific actions will be undertaken and these are outlined in the Plan; where appropriate these have already been reflected in the fee put forward.
- 1.4 The Relationship Manager and/or his Audit Manager will attend to present the report.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The fee proposed within the Plan can be financed from the current budget provision for audit fees.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no comments to add.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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