

REPORT TITLE: EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21

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PURPOSE

This report details, for approval, the indicative 2020/21 Audit Strategy and Annual Audit Fees proposed by the council's external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP (EY).

The indicative fee for the 2020/21 audit work is at the level of the scale fees set by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) for each audited body that has opted into its national auditor appointment scheme. However, the EY fee proposal does include a £14,670 rebasing adjustment increase for changes in the work required to address professional and regulatory requirements, this increase is still subject to approval by PSAA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Audit and Governance Committee:

1. Notes the external auditors Audit Strategy for 2020/21
2. Approves the indicative 2020/21 annual audit fee, subject to PSAA approval of the proposed rebasing increase included within.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – EY Audit Planning Report year ended 31 March 2021