

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

26 June 2006

Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2006/2007

A report informing Members of the work the District Auditor plans to undertake in 2006/07.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Elsewhere on the agenda for information is the work programme and fee scales for 2006/07 issued by the Audit Commission to all Councils.

1.1.2 Attached at **[Annex 1]** for Members' information is the audit and inspection plan for Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, together with the fees that are due in accordance with the fee scale structure. Members should note that the fees set out in the plan are within our budget provision.

1.1.3 The plan has been drawn up from a risk-based approach to audit planning and reflects:

- The Code of Audit Practice;
- Audit and Inspection work specified by the Audit Commission for 2006/07;
- The local risks and improvement priorities relevant to T&M;
- Current national risks relevant to local circumstances.

1.1.4 Members will note from page 12 of the plan that there have been some changes to the District Audit Team for 2006/07.

- Paul Chambers is our new Relationship Manager;
- Lindsey Mallors is our Appointed Auditor; and
- Graham Short is our Audit Team Leader.

Steve Golding continues as our Audit Manager.

1.1.5 Steve Golding, and potentially Lindsey Mallors, will be at the meeting on 26 June and will be able to answer any questions about the plan.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 Legally, we must note and accept the plan and fee scales for 2006/07. We will, of course, continue to cooperate and work with our external auditors who serve us.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 The fees can be met from existing budgets.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None

Background papers:

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