

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

26 June 2006

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 AUDIT COMMISSION – WORK PROGRAMME AND FEE SCALES 2006/07

A report informing Members of the receipt of the Audit Commission's Work Programme and Fee Scales 2006/07

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 In November 2005 we received the Audit Commission's draft work programme and fee scales for 2006/07 with a request for comments by 13 January 2006 and which was subsequently reported to the meeting of the Finance and Property Advisory Board on 4 January 2006.
- 1.1.2 We have now received the final version of the work programme and fee scales for 2006/07 which may be found on the Audit Commission's website at: www.audit-commission.gov.uk.
- 1.1.3 The work programme and fee scales 2006/07 outlines at a high level the work that the Audit Commission plans to undertake in the local government, criminal justice and fire and rescue sectors and sets out scales of audit and inspection fees for 2006/07. Each year the Commission's appointed auditors draw up tailored audit plans with each audited body based on the auditor's assessment of the financial and operational risks facing the organisation and the arrangements put in place to manage those risks. Our tailored Audit and Inspection Plan 2006/07 may be found elsewhere on this agenda.
- 1.1.4 The work programme does not differ significantly from the draft version and for this reason I have not attached a copy to this report. If any member would like a copy please contact my Chief Accountant, Neil Lawley on 876095.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 Legally, we have no choice but to note and accept the final version of the work programme and fee scales for 2006/07 and will continue to cooperate and work with our external auditors who serve us.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 The proposed fee scales can be met from existing budgets.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None.

Background papers:

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Nil

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