

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

14 February 2007

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 AUDIT COMMISSION — PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME AND FEE SCALES 2007/08

A report informing Members of the receipt of the Audit Commission's proposed Work Programme and Fee Scales for 2007/08.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Attached for information is a document recently received from the Audit Commission regarding the proposed work programme and fee scales for 2007/08. Members should note that this is technically a consultation process, with a request for comments by 16 February 2007.
- 1.1.2 The document sets out the Commission's responsibilities, and the work programme is designed to discharge those responsibilities. The work programme and fee scales for 2007/08 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 2007/08.
- 1.1.3 On this occasion we have no comments to make on the proposals. Members are reminded in addition to this high level work programme, each year the Commission's appointed auditors also draw up detailed 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 which will be reported to Members when received.

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 2007/08 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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