

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

23 June 2008

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2008/09 (REVISED)

An updated version of the above plan is appended for Members' information.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Members will recall that the Audit and Inspection Plan for 2008/09 was presented to the last meeting of the Committee. The Plan included details of the fees to be paid.

1.1.2 In introducing the report, Trevor Greenlee (Audit Manager) advised that the Commission had addressed the concerns of local authorities and had agreed to the scaling back of fees primarily in respect of use of the resources assessment. There would, therefore, be a downward adjustment to the fees reflected in the plan. Trevor Greenlee advised that, regrettably, it had not been possible to incorporate the revision prior to the meeting.

1.1.3 It was noted that the plan needed to be agreed by the end of May, so the Committee resolved that:

“the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader, be authorised to approve the Audit and Inspection Plan for 2008/09 following receipt of the revised figures in respect of fees”.

1.1.4 The purpose of this report is to advise Members that approval was given in accordance with the above. The revised fees are within budget.

1.1.5 A copy of the revised plan is attached at **Annex 1** for information.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 Legally, we must note and accept the Audit and Inspection plan for 2008/09 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 fees are within budget.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None

Background papers:

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Nil

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