

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

12 April 2011

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Delegated

1 AUDIT COMMISSION – AUDIT PLAN 2010/11

This report informs Members of the receipt of the Audit Plan 2010/11.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 I have received from our District Auditor the Audit Plan for 2010/11 **[Annex 1]**. The Plan sets out the audit work that the District Auditor proposes to undertake in respect of the audit of the financial statements and the value for money conclusion 2010/11.
- 1.1.2 The Plan is based on the Audit Commission's risk-based approach to audit planning and reflects:
- audit work specified by the Audit Commission for 2010/11;
 - current national risks relevant to local circumstances; and
 - local risks.
- 1.1.3 The gross audit fee is £105,500 with a rebate of £6,812 for the one-off costs associated with the first year implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards as set out in the initial fee letter of April 2010. A further rebate has been issued to reflect the new approach to VFM work in 2010/11 of £1,760 producing an audit fee of £96,928.
- 1.1.4 In setting the audit fee it has been assumed that good quality, accurate working papers are available at the start of the financial statements audit. The District Auditor also seeks to rely on the work of Internal Audit and following a review of the completed work has concluded that he can place reliance on it for opinion purposes.
- 1.1.5 Details of how the audit will progress are set out in the Plan, together with the key milestones and deadlines. The District Auditor is required to complete the audit and issue an opinion by 30 September 2011. The outcome of the audit will be

reported to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee on 5 September for approval and to this Committee on 11 October 2011 for information.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 As part of the statutory process to close our accounts we must note and agree the Audit Plan for 2010/11 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 audit fee can be met from within existing budgetary provision.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 The Statement of Accounts is a statutory document and, therefore, failure to prepare and publish the Accounts in accordance with proper accounting practice and within the statutory timescale could adversely affect the Council.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 Members are **RECOMMENDED** to note and endorse the Audit Plan for 2010/11.

Background papers:

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Nil

Sharon Shelton
Director of Finance

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Not applicable

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.