

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

29 July 2019

Report of the Director of Finance and Transformation

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 AUDIT FEE LETTER 2019/20

Report to inform Members of the receipt of the Audit Fee Letter 2019/20.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 I have received from Grant Thornton the Audit Fee Letter for 2019/20 [**Annex 1**] which sets out details of the audit fee for the Council along with the scope and timing of audit work and the audit team.

1.1.2 The fee represents the best estimate of the fee required to complete an audit where the audited body has no significant audit risks and it has in place a sound control environment that ensures the auditor is provided with complete and materially accurate financial statements with supporting working papers within agreed timeframes. The audit fee for 2019/20 is £35,248, the same as that for 2018/19. The fee for 2019/20 housing benefit subsidy certification work agreed separately is £10,000 subject to completion of the 'workbooks' resting with the Council and a variable fee for any additional testing required.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 As set out above.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None.

Background papers:

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Nil

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