

Agenda Item No: -

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 23 March 2009

Report Title: Audit Fee Letter 2009/10

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Purpose of Report

To inform the Audit Committee of the proposed external audit fee and the rationale underpinning that.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That the Audit Committee note the Audit Fee Letter.**

Reasons for Recommendations

To be aware of the planning assumptions that support the indicative fee and be aware of the scope of the external audit work during 2009-10.

Background

1. External Audit propose an indicative audit fee every year, which is then presented to Audit Committee. The Audit Fee Letter outlines the audit areas that will be covered.

Economic/Financial Implications

2. Whilst the proposed fee has increased by 4% on 2008/09, it still remains at 21% below the scale fee. Robert Grant will be present at your meeting and will be available to explain the above inflation increase to you.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No

Supporting Documents

PKF - Hastings Borough Council Audit Fee Letter 2009/10

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