

Agenda Item No: 8

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 20 September 2012

Report Title: Appointment of PKF (UK) LLP as External Auditor & Audit fees 2012/13 and beyond

Report By: Tom Davies
Chief Auditor

Purpose of Report

This report is for information.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Audit Committee notes the report

Reasons for Recommendations

The Audit Committee was advised at its meeting held on 19 March that next steps in the procurement process led by the Commission would be that it would consult with all Local Authorities on their External Auditor appointments announced on 7 March. The consultation was undertaken between 23 April and 13 July and the appointments were approved on 26 July 2012.

PKF (UK) LLP were confirmed as external auditor to audit the accounts of Hastings Borough Council for five years from 2012/13.

Further detail regarding confirmation of the appointment can be found in the appointment letter at appendix A and the impact on the external audit fees is detailed in a 'briefing note - Audit fees 2012/13 and beyond' at appendix B.

At the time of writing it is expected that Robert Grant from PKF is expected to attend the Committee and present the report.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

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
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

Letter of appointment - Appendix A

Briefing note: Audit fees 2012/13 and beyond - Appendix B

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