



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

**to
AUDIT COMMITTEE
26 JULY 2018**

ANNUAL AUDIT AND CERTIFICATION OF FEES 2018 / 19

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Audit Committee the external audit fee payable to Deloitte LLP for 2018 / 19.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the content of this report be noted.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The audit and certification work that Deloitte LLP is due to undertake for the 2018 / 19 financial year at Maldon District Council includes:
- Audit of the financial statements;
 - Value for money conclusion; and
 - Whole of Government accounts.
- 3.2 The indicative external audit fee payable by the Council for 2018/19 as per the letter received from Deloitte LLP on the 27 April is expected to be approximately £37,942. This is a reduction of approximately 20 % from the estimate of £49,275 for 2017 / 18. The fee is set by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA). The fee letter is included at **APPENDIX 1**.
- 3.3 We are also required to make arrangements for the certification of housing benefit subsidy claim. The cost of this is expected to be approximately £14,000 and the Council is currently out to procurement to secure a supplier for this work.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 This report updates Audit Committee Members on the external audit fee for the current year.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 The report links to the Maldon District Council goal of ‘Delivering good quality, cost effective and valued services’.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – The indicative audit fee for 2018/19 is expected to be £37,942. This is contained within the budget.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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