



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

**to
AUDIT COMMITTEE
22 JUNE 2017**

EXTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL AUDIT AND CERTIFICATION OF FEES 2017 / 18

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Audit Committee the external audit fee payable to Ernst & Young LLP for 2017 / 18.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the content of this report be noted.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The audit and certification work that Ernst & Young is due to undertake for the 2017 / 18 financial year at Maldon District Council covers:
- 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 is about £49,275 for 2017 / 18, which is set by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA). The detail of the fee is shown in **APPENDIX 1**. This is contained within the 2017 / 18 budget.
- 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 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 including the cost of the certification of the housing benefit claim for 2017 / 18 is approximately £63,000, which is contained within the budget and in line with 2016 / 17.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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