

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Audit and Governance Committee

**Date:** 11 March 2019

**Report of:** Director of Finance and Resources

**Subject:** EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN AND FEE

#### SUMMARY

This report brings to members' attention the Audit Plan from the Council's external auditors, Ernst & Young. The plan provides the Committee with a basis to review the proposed audit approach and scope of work for the 2018/19 audit (carried out in 2019/20) and to ensure that the work is in line with members' expectations.

The report also brings to members' attention the Planned Fee for the 2018/19 audit work. This reflects the tender sums submitted as part of the procurement organised by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) in 2017/18 to appoint the Council's external auditors for the next 5 years.

*The Audit and Governance Committee's areas of responsibility for External Audit are:-*

- a) to comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.*
- b) to consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.*
- c) to advise and recommend on the effectiveness of relationships between external and internal audit and other inspection agencies or relevant bodies.*

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approves the 2018/19 Audit Plan, attached as Appendix A to this report.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Plan of Audit coverage of the year ending 31 March 19 (Separate Document)

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** Statement of Responsibilities issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Ltd.

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