

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 26TH APRIL 2017
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
AUTHOR: WENDY BEBBINGTON

SUBJECT: EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND UPDATE IN
RESPECT OF THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNTS
FOR 2016-17

Purpose of Report

1. To present the External Audit Plan for 2016-17, which includes the Audit fee.
2. A representative from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to present the report to Members.

Recommended: That

- [1] the External Audit Plan in respect of the Authority's accounts for 2016-17 be noted; and
- [2] the audit fee for 2016-17 be approved (£29,860).

Background

3. The External Audit Plan (Appendix 1) explains the audit methodology, and identifies some developments and risks which underpin its priorities. It also explains the criteria used to help arrive at the Auditors' Value for Money conclusion, and shows the audit fee. The Plan also includes the results of the interim work undertaken by the Auditors and the audit timeline for 2016-17.

Financial Implications

4. This report deals with financial matters. There are no direct budgetary implications as a result of the report.

Legal Implications

5. The Authority is required to have its accounts properly audited, and the delivery of the Audit Plan should ensure that this is achieved.

Equality & Diversity Implications

6. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

7. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: