

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Ernst &amp; Young 2015/16 Audit Fee Letter</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 June 2015</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Ernst &amp; Young</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The fee reflects the risk-based approach to audit planning set out in the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice for the audit of local public bodies, applying from 2015/16 audits.
- 1.2 The audit fee covers the:
  - Audit of the financial statements
  - Value for money conclusion
  - Whole of Government accounts.
- 1.3 For the 2015/16 financial year the Audit Commission has set the scale fee for each audited body prior to its closure. The scale fee is based on the fee initially set in the Audit Commission's 2012 procurement exercise, reduced by 25% following the further tendering of contracts in March 2014. It is not liable to increase during the remainder of our contract without a change in the scope of our audit responsibilities.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 To note the 2015/16 audit fee letter.

