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Subject: **External Audit – Planned Audit Fee 2015/16**

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Summary: This paper sets the scale and scope of external audit fees for 2015/16

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Introduction and background

1. Grant Thornton, as External Auditor to the Council, is required to report the scale fee and billing schedule for the Council as well as the audit of the Pension Fund. This includes work on auditing the financial statements through to value for money arrangements.
2. The scale fee has been influenced by procurement exercises run by the former Audit Commission such that the total fee for 2015/16 is estimated to be £155,925, a reduction of £51,975 compared to the previous year.

Recommendations

3. Members of the Governance and Audit Committee are asked to note the planned audit fees for 2015/16

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