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To: Governance and Audit Committee – 11 April 2017

Subject: **External Audit – Fee letter 2017/18**

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Summary: This paper presents the planned external audit fee for the Council for 2017/18

FOR DECISION

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 exercise that was run by the former Audit Commission but which is now overseen by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) such that the total fees for 2017/18 is estimated to be £155,925, which is the same as the previous year.

Recommendation

3. Members of the Governance and Audit Committee are asked to note the planned audit fees for 2017/18.

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