



PENSIONS COMMITTEE

14 March 2017

Subject Heading:	PENSION FUND AUDIT PLAN 2016/17
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Policy context:	Planned audit of the 2015/16 Pension Fund Accounts
Financial summary:	Indicative fee scale is £21,000.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report provides members with an Audit Plan as issued by Ernst & Young LLP for the work they plan to undertake for provision of an audit opinion on the pension fund accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Note the 2016/17 Audit Plan, and
2. Considers whether there are other matters which the committee believes may influence the audit.

REPORT DETAIL

1 **Background**

- 1.1. Ernst and young are the Councils appointed auditors for the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17. This will be the second audit undertaken by Ernst & Young for the Havering Pension Fund.
- 1.2. The Audit Plan sets out the work that Ernst and Young plan to undertake in order to provide an audit opinion on the financial statements of the Havering Pension Fund and whether they give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2017. They will also review the Pension Fund's Annual Report.
- 1.3. The Audit Plan for the Pensions Fund was presented to the Audit Committee on the 1 March 2017.
- 1.4. It is expected that the audit of accounts will be completed by August and the final audit report will be presented to the Audit Committee and Pensions Committee at the September meetings.
- 1.5. The Audit Plan can be seen as attached in **Appendix A**.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The agreed fee of £21,000 is based on the following assumptions:

- Officers meeting the agreed timetable of deliverables;

- Appropriate quality of documentation is provided by the Pension Fund; and
- The Pension Fund has an effective control environment

A variation to the fees will be sought if any of the above assumptions are not met.

No variation to the fees was required for the 2015/16 audit.

Legal implications and risks:

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no immediate HR implications.

Equalities implications and risks:

None arising that directly impacts on residents or staff.

BACKGROUND PAPERS
