



PENSIONS COMMITTEE 27 JUNE 2012	REPORT

Subject Heading:	EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2011/12 PENSION FUND AUDIT
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Policy context:	To note the External Audit plan for the Pension fund audit.
Financial summary:	This report sets out the planned area of work for the Pension Fund Audit. The proposed fee is £35,000.

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

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

The attached report, Appendix 1, advises the Pensions Committee of the proposed External Audit Plan for 2011/12 for the Pension Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the contents of the plan.

2. To raise any issues of concern and ask specific questions of officers or external auditors where required.

REPORT DETAIL

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) are the current External Auditor for the London Borough of Havering, as appointed by the Audit Commission. This report deals with the audit of the Pension Fund and was presented and noted by the Audit Committee on the 25 April 2012.

This plan has been developed with the assistance of Council officers and has been approved by the Chief Financial Officer.

The attached plan contains the following sections to outline the External Auditors planned approach:

- Introduction and developments
- Communicating and reporting
- Audit approach
- Project management
- Independence.

The broad approach to the audit work is set out in pages 3, 4 and 5.

As set out in the Plan, the overall direction of the Fund's Investment Strategy is delegated to the Council's Pensions Committee. The Council acts as the administering authority for the Fund, and as such is accountable for the stewardship of the Fund. It is PwC's responsibility to carry out an audit in accordance with the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The attached plan reflects the fee for the Pensions Fund element of the 2011/12 audit and is set out below:

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Element	2011/12 Fee £	2010/11 Final Fee £
Pension Fund	35,000	35,000

The quoted fee is an estimate and may change to reflect the actual content of the audit plan.

There are no other financial implications or risks arising directly from this report.

Legal implications and risks:

None arising directly from this report

Human Resources implications and risks:

None arising directly from this report

Equalities implications and risks:

None arising directly from this report

BACKGROUND PAPERS