

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 3 June 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Policy & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: External Audit fee – 2015/16

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report provides details of the scale fee, set by the Audit Commission, for the 2014/15 external audit. The report is brought to the Board for information.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the 2015/16 audit fee and the scope and timing of the planned external audit work be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Audit Commission published its work programme and scale of fees at the end of March 2015. The attached letter sets out details of the audit fee for the Council along with the scope and timing of external audit work and the team that will be working on the audit.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council's scale fee for 2015/16 has been set at £105,294, which compares to the audit fee of £139,322 for 2014/15. The Council's indicative grant certification fee has been set at £6,828.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

There are no specific implications for any of the Council's priorities.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

See 6.1.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

See 6.1.

6.4 A Safer Halton

See 6.1.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

See 6.1.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.