

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Annual Audit and Inspection Fee

23 June 2010

Report of Head of Finance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This document sets out the audit and inspection work that the Audit Commission proposes to undertake for the 2010/11 financial year at Cherwell District Council and the fee associated with this work.

This report is public

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- (1) To note the contents of the report

Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 The audit and inspection letter was received on April 28 2010 and discussed with the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and the Chief Financial Officer (151 Officer)
- 1.2 The letter is attached in Appendix 1 – the proposed fee is £120,000 which is an increase on 2009/10 of £10,000 but with the associated refund in relation to the work on introducing International Financial reporting Standards of approx £6,000 it is expected that the fee will be £114,000 compared to the 2010/11 budget of £112,000.

Conclusion

- 1.3 As a result of the new coalition government we have seen a number of changes coming through on Comprehensive Area Assessment and Use of Resources. The District Auditor will verbally update the Committee on the latest information at the meeting and the impact on the work and fee.

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward

- Option One** To note the contents of the report
- Option Two** To raise issues or questions relating to this report

Implications

- Financial:** Depending on the outcome of the update that the District Auditor will give in relation to the fee – there is a budget pressure of £2,000 that will need to be funded.
Comments checked by Karen Muir, Corporate System Accountant 01295 22159
- Legal:** There are no implications arising from this report
Comments checked by Liz Howlett, Head of Legal and Democratic Services 01295 221686
- Risk Management:** The Council has a budget risk approach and a risk budget, the Council will need to review this additional cost against this provision.

Comments checked by Karen Muir, Corporate System Accountant 01295 22159

Wards Affected

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Annual Audit and Inspection Fee 2010/11
Background Papers	
None	
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