

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

19th September 2012

EXTERNAL AUDIT (KPMG) AUDIT FEE 2012/13

Purpose of the Report

1. This report informs the Committee of the likely external audit fee for 2012/13 audit.

Executive Summary

2. The Audit Commission have confirmed KPMG as our external auditors for the next five years. In setting the fee for 2012/13 the attached Appendix A sets out the proposed fee for this work. Following changes to the Audit Commission, the letter identifies a £148,104 indicative reduction in our proposed fee (excluding VAT) from £370,260 to £222,156, plus grant fees.
3. The savings will be applied to the 2012/13 budget. However, the letter identifies that these fees are based on certain assumptions and are thus indicative at the moment. Also discussions are ongoing about separate reviews of Internal Audit now that the new arrangements are embedding in; and the new housing rents system being implemented now. This would be carried out in addition to the audit fee.

Proposal

4. Members are asked to note the KPMG proposed fee and receive further updates on this and any amendments or additional costs.

Reasons for Proposals

5. To ensure an effective external audit function and cost effective service.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this Report: None.

Appendices: A – KPMG Letter