

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Iain Leviston, Manager, KPMG
Date of Meeting	26 May 2016

ANNUAL AUDIT FEE 2016/2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the external auditor's Annual Audit Fee Letter 2016/2017.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the content of the letter, asking questions and making any recommendations as considered appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable the Audit Committee to consider the proposed Audit fees for 2016-17 and to make appropriate recommendations.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not receive the report but this would prevent the effective monitoring and review of the Council's audit fees by the Committee.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Annual Audit Fee letter, outlining the proposed Audit Fee for 2016/2017 is attached at Appendix 8(a).

5.2 This letter was received by the Director of Resources in April 2016.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 8(a): Annual Audit Fee Letter 2016/2017.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

11.1 None

12.0 Background papers:

12.1 None