Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to AUDIT COMMITTEE

1 April 2015

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

KPMG – EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2014/15

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the External Auditors' Audit Plan for their 2014/15 Audit.

Information and Advice

2. The attached report from KPMG sets out the proposed Audit Plan for the 2014/15 audit, including their approach, fees, key staff and timelines for the audit. The report is presented to Members for their information. The Audit Director (KPMG), Neil Bellamy, and Sayeed Haris, the Audit Manager (KPMG), will be in attendance at the meeting to introduce the report and respond to Member's questions.

Other Options Considered

3. The report is for comment only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To provide information to Members on the External Audit Plan 2014/15

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That Members receive, and comment upon, the External Auditor's Audit Plan for 2014/15.

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Service Director – Finance & Procurement

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

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Constitutional Comments (HD 11/03/2015)

6. Audit Committee is the appropriate body of Council to consider the report.

Financial Comments (GB 10/03/2015)

7. The anticipated total fees, excluding the indicative fee for grant claim certification, are £130,950 for Nottinghamshire County Council and £29,926 for the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund. This is in line with the initial proposal and budget provision is in place.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All