

Audit Committee

Item No.....

Report title:	External Auditor's Audit Plan 2017-18
Date of meeting:	19 April 2018
Responsible Chief Officer:	Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Strategic impact The Audit Committee consider the work of the Council's External Auditors in accordance with their terms of reference, which are part of the Council's Constitution, part 4.1 (4.4) . (page 13) being: F. External Audit 1. Consider reports of external audit and other inspection agencies. 2. Ensure there are effective relationships between external audit and internal audit.	

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to introduce the External Auditor's Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2018, which is attached as **Appendix A**. The Pension Fund has a separate plan, which is attached at **Appendix B**.

A representative from Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") will attend the meeting and answer members' questions.

Members are recommended to consider:

- the External Auditor's Audit Plan for the Council for 2017-18 at Appendix A, including their assessment of the Audit Risks and Value for Money Risks and the new reporting timetable at part 7 of the plan
- the External Auditor's Audit Plan for the Pension Fund for 2017-18, including their assessment of the Audit Risks, at Appendix B
- whether there are other matters which you consider may influence their work.

1. Introduction

This Annual Audit Plans set out how EY intend to carry out their responsibilities as auditor.

2. Evidence

The External Auditor's Audit Plan for the Council is attached as **Appendix A** to this report. There are no specific matters which are considered to influence their work. Audit Risks and Value for Money risks are set out in parts 2 and 3 of the plan.

Points of interest in the plan are:

- The new reporting timeline, to meet the new regulatory requirements, set out in part 7 of the plan
- Appendix A (Page 32) - mentions the fees for the audit, which are as expected

The External Auditor's Audit Plan for the Norfolk Pension Fund is attached as **Appendix B** to this report. There are no specific matters which are considered to influence their work. Audit Risks are set out in part 2 of the plan.

3. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications other than, we will be expecting a £29,381 saving for the Council (and £6,233 for the Pension fund) for the 2018-19 accounts audits. For the present audit the fee is £127,742 for the County, based from the first round of PSAA commissioning. The 2018-19 Scale of Fees for Opted in Bodies is presented at **Appendix C** for information.

4. Issues, risks and innovation

Risk implications

- 4.1 Apart from those listed in the report, there are no other implications to take into account.
- 4.2 A representative from EY will attend the meeting and answer members' questions.

5. Background

- 5.1 The Council's Financial Statements cover several reporting entities making up the Council's group accounts. Each entity has an audit plan for the financial year and these are provided by different auditors. Hethel Innovation Limited, Great Yarmouth Development Co. Ltd and Norfolk Energy Futures Ltd are not incorporated in the group accounts on the basis of immateriality.

Entity	Auditor
Norfolk County Council	EY
Norfolk Pension Fund	EY
Norse Group	PwC
Independence Matters	EY

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Appendix A

External Auditor's Audit Plan for Norfolk CC 2017-18

Appendix B

External Auditor's Plan for Norfolk Pension Fund 2017-18

Appendix C

2018-19 Scale of Fees for Opted in Bodies