

Informal Joint Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Ernst and Young Presentation of Annual Audit Letter 2017/2018	
Report No:	PAS/SE/18/026	
Report to and date:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	27 September 2018
Portfolio holder:	Councillor Ian Houlder Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance Tel: 07970 729435 Email: ian.houlder@stedsbc.gov.uk	
Lead officer:	Greg Stevenson Service Manager – Finance and Performance Tel: 01284 757264 Email: Gregory.stevenson@westsuffolk.gov.uk	
Purpose of report:	To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2017/18 financial statements by Ernst and Young, as set out in their report at Appendix B .	
Recommendation:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Members are asked to <u>note</u> the report and Appendix B.	

Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>		<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation:		• N/A	
Alternative option(s):		• N/A	
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> • The report and appendix include the final scale fee in respect of the 2017/18 audit of the accounts.	
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Are there any equality implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
None			
Ward(s) affected:		N/A	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		None	
Documents attached:		Appendix A – FHDC Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2018 Appendix B – SEBC Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2018	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation(s)

1.1 Summary and reasons for recommendation

1.1.1 To update members on the outcome of the annual audit of the 2017/2018 financial statements by Ernst and Young (EY), our external auditors, as detailed in their Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2018, attached at **Appendices A** and **B**.

1.1.2 The letters is for information, and confirm the completion of the audit of the 2017/2018 financial statements.

1.1.3 The final audit fees for 2017/18 are set out in the table below:

Audit Fee - Code Work	Planned Fee 2017/18 £	Final Fee 2017/18 £
St Edmundsbury BC	43,767	43,767
Forest Heath DC	47,059	TBC

1.1.4 The final fee for Forest Heath is expected to be £2,000-£3,000 higher than the planned audit fee of £47,059. This additional fee relates to work performed over the valuation of the solar farm asset, and will be discussed with management before receiving final approval from the PSAA Ltd.

1.1.5 Work on the certification of the Housing Benefit Subsidy returns is not due to be completed until 30 November 2018 and the results of this work, along with the final fees, will be reported in the Annual Certification Reports.