

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services
to
Audit Committee
on
24 June 2015

Report prepared by: BDO External Auditor

BDO: Audit recommendations arising from CCTV / parking objections

Executive Councillor – Cllr Ron Woodley

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To report on recommendations arising from CCTV / parking objections.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee accepts the recommendations arising from CCTV / parking objections.

3. Background

3.1 Issuing the audit certificate of closure for the audits of 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 has delayed pending the completion of work undertaken following objections raised on the 2011/12 accounts by an elector in respect of the parking enforcement contract and use of CCTV cars. This work has now been completed and the outstanding certificates for those audit years have now been issued, closing those audits.

3.2 A senior representative of BDO (the appointed External Auditor to the Council) will present the key matters from this report to the Audit Committee and then respond to Members' questions.

4. Corporate Implications

4.1 Contribution to Council's Aims and Priorities

Audit work contributes to the delivery of all corporate Aims and Priorities.

4.2 Financial Implications

This audit work delivered in addition to the audit plan has resulted in additional audit fees being incurred.

4.3 Legal Implications

The Council is required to have an external audit of its activities that complies with the requirements of the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice (the Code) and previously the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice before it closed on 31 March 2015. By considering this report, the Committee can satisfy itself that this requirement is being discharged.

4.4 People and Property Implications

None

4.5 Consultation

The audit work has been discussed and agreed with the Head of Finance and Resources.

4.6 Equalities Impact Assessment

None

4.7 Risk Assessment

Considering the results of external audit work helps to inform the risk management arrangements for the Council.

4.8 Value for Money

The Audit Commission (until the 31 March 2015) and Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (from 1 April 2015) sets the fee formula for determining external audit fees for all external auditors, taking into account the results of the outsourcing of their audit practice and market testing the audit work that is now fully delivered by the private sector audit firms.

4.9 Community Safety Implications and Environmental Impact

None

5. Background Papers

None

6. Attachment: BDO's Audit recommendations arising from CCTV / parking objections