

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services
to
Audit Committee
on
30 March 2016

Report prepared by: BDO External Auditor

BDO: Progress Report to Those Charged with Governance

Executive Councillor – Councillor Ron Woodley

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on progress in delivering the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Annual Audit Plans.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee accepts progress made in delivering the Annual Audit Plans for 2014/15 and 2015/16.**

3. Background

- 3.1 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 will be delivered within the agreed audit fee for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

- 4.3 Legal Implications

The Council is required to have an external audit of its activities that complies with the requirements of the Code of Audit Practice (the Code) issued by the National Audit Office. 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 planned audit work has been discussed and agreed with the Corporate Director for Corporate Services and the Head of Finance and Resources.

4.6 Equalities Impact Assessment

None

4.7 Risk Assessment

Periodically considering whether the external auditor is delivering the agreed Annual Audit Plan helps mitigate the risk that the Council does not receive an external audit service that complies with the requirement of the Code of Audit Practice.

4.8 Value for Money

Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited sets the fee formula for determining external audit fees for all external auditors.

4.9 Community Safety Implications and Environmental Impact

None

5. Background Papers

None

6. Attachment: BDO's Progress Report to Those Charged with Governance