

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	14 April 2005
Subject:	Audit and Inspection Plan for 2005-06
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial and Business Strategy and Director of Organisational Performance
Contact Officer:	Myfanwy Barrett
Portfolio Holder:	Business Connections and Performance
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

Cabinet is requested to endorse the Audit and Inspection Plan for 2005-06.

Reason for report

To give the Cabinet an opportunity to consider and comment on the plan.

Benefits

Clarity about the audit and inspection activity for 2005-06

Cost of Proposals

The proposed fee for the Audit work for 2005-06 is between £297,000 and £302,000. The inspection fee has yet to be confirmed but is expected to be between £70,000 and £90,000.

Risks

No risks associated with endorsing the plan.

Implications if recommendations rejected

The plan will not have the support of the Cabinet.

Section 2: Report

Brief History

This is the first year when the Audit Commission and Deloitte and Touche LLP have produced a joint audit and inspection plan for the Council.

The Audit Committee considered the plan on 30 March. The Audit Committee did not make any specific comments on the plan.

Key Points

The proposed Audit and Inspection Plan is attached at Appendix 1. Members of the Cabinet are invited to consider and comment on the plan and to endorse it.

Consultation

None specifically

Financial Implications

As noted above the proposed fee for the 2005-06 Audit work is between £297,000 and £302,000. This represents an increase of 4% on 2004-05.

The grants claims work is estimated to cost approximately £200,000. The fee for the inspection work has yet to be confirmed but is expected to be between £70,000 and £90,000. The 2004/05 inspection fee was £96,000.

Therefore the total cost of audit and inspection is around £600,000 a year.

Legal Implications

None

Equalities Impact

No direct impact

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Audit and Inspection Plan 2005-06