

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Meeting	Scrutiny & Audit Panel
Date	29 April 2021
Title of Report	Consultations on Amendments to Local Audit Fee Setting Arrangements & on Fees Methodology
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Background Papers None

- Appendices**
1. Letter from Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) re Consultations on Amendments to Local Audit Fee Setting Arrangements & on Fees Methodology
 2. Open Consultation - Redmond Review response - Changes to the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015
 3. Open Consultation - Redmond Review response - Changes to the audit fees methodology for allocating £15 million to local bodies
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Implications

CORPORATE RISK		LEGAL	✓
ENVIRONMENTAL		POLICY	
FINANCIAL	✓	POLITICAL	
HEALTH & SAFETY		OTHER (please specify)	
HUMAN RESOURCES		CORE BRIEF	

PURPOSE OF REPORT To seek the Panels views on the MHCLG consultation on proposed changes to the Local Audit Regulations 2015 and the audit fees methodology.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY On 20 April 2020 the Authority was notified of a MHCLG consultation exercise on proposed changes to the fee setting and fee variation arrangements set out in the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 to provide additional flexibility to the appointing person for principal bodies (Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd) to reflect the changing nature of the local audit market. The consultation document is

attached at appendix 2 and the response deadline is 1 June 2020.

There is also a separate consultation seeking views on the most appropriate methodology for allocating the £15 million announced at Spending Review 2020. The deadline for responses is 18 May 2020. The consultation document is attached at appendix 3.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is recommended to consider and comment upon the MHCLG consultation documents on proposed amendments to local audit fee setting and arrangements and fees methodology.
