



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership Board
DATE: 22 December 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Les Chapman, Building Control Manager
SUBJECT: Audit Letter

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To receive the External Auditor's Letter regarding the audit for the year ending 31 March 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Report is noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Members will recall that on 29 September the Partnership's external auditors attended the Board meeting to give their view on the Partnership's accounts and value for money for the year ending 31 March 10. The Partnership and Ryedale District Council 151 Officers have received the Auditor's formal letter relating to the accounts which is attached in Appendix 1. This final report does not include any additional items to those discussed with members at the meeting in September.
- 3.2** The Auditor recommended that the Partnership and the Finance Department would need to prepare accounts for the current financial year based on "International Financial Reporting Standards" for local authority accounting. The Partnership in conjunction with the Finance Department is currently assessing what changes need to be implemented in readiness for the next audit and have taken action to ensure all debtors and creditors are processed in the appropriate financial year.
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4.0 POLICY CONTEXT

4.1 This Report impacts on the Partnership's values relating to delivering high quality services.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The external audit fee has been paid for this year and has been increased within the approved budget for the next financial year in line with the recommendations from Deloitte

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Partnership has a statutory requirement to undertake both an internal and external annual audit of its finances.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 By undertaking a robust internal audit the Partnership ensures financial probity and that customers receive value for money.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 It is essential that the Board continue to undertake an annual external to ensure financial probity and value for money is maintained.

Background Papers: None

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