

WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 23 JUNE 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO: **4.**

SUBJECT: AUDIT COMMISSION AUDIT FEES LETTER 2009/10

Report of the Clerk and Chief Financial Officer

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1. To consider the audit fees letter for 2009/10 submitted by the Audit Commission.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. The Audit Commission are the appointed auditors for both the Authority and the Executive. In previous years they have prepared an audit plan for the coming year which sets out the work they intend to undertake and the fee that will be charged. This year that audit plan has been replaced by an audit fees letter which sets out the proposed fee for the coming year and briefly outlines the work they will be doing. This work will be reviewed and finalised as the work on the 08/09 work progresses. The proposed fee is a 1.25% increase on 08/09 and represents a 35% reduction against the standard scale of fees.
- 2.2. The fees letter is attached as Appendix A. Mr Paul Lundy, the District Auditor, will be presenting the letter to the Committee at the meeting.
- 2.3. Before considering their plan the Audit Commission have requested that Members be presented with a copy of their 'Statement of responsibilities of auditors and of audited bodies.' This is largely unchanged from last year and copies will be available at the meeting for any Member who wishes to have one.

3. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. None directly arising out of this report

4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None directly arising out of this report

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None directly arising out of this report

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. That the Audit Commission audit fees letter for 2009/10 be approved.

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer
West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority