

2022/23 scale fee for Ashford Borough Council

PSAA is [consulting on the fee scale for 2022/23 audits](#). Your proposed scale fee based on the consultation proposals is set out below.

Our aim is to keep your audit fee as up-to-date as possible based on the most recent information we have available. We propose setting your 2022/23 scale fee by updating your 2021/22 scale fee with the most recent recurring fee variations we have approved in relation to your audit. Table 1 below provides a summary of your proposed 2022/23 scale fee.

Table 1: 2022/23 scale fee summary*

2021/22 scale fee	£49,239
Recurring approved fee variations for consolidation into 2022/23 scale fees (see Table 2)	£4,700
2022/23 scale fee	£53,939

* Please note: the fee scale consultation also refers to the contractual inflationary increase in auditor remuneration, which PSAA proposes to fund from monies that would otherwise be part of a future distribution to opted-in bodies. Further details are set out in the consultation.

In line with the Appointing Person Regulations, we cannot change your 2022/23 scale fee after 30 November 2022. Any further recurring fee variations or changes approved after 30 November will therefore be considered in a future fee scale.

We will not be consolidating additional fees needed for work on the VFM commentary and ISA 540 into the 2022/23 scale fee as we do not currently have sufficient information to enable us to do so. The additional work will continue to be subject to the fee variation process and consolidated into a future fee scale when the evidence base is sufficiently robust.

Table 2 below sets out the fee variations approved to date for your audit over the three audit years 2018-21 in respect of additional work performed on groups, pension valuations, PIE, PPE valuations, increased FRC challenge and PFI (left-hand side of Table 2). These figures are taken from the Fee Variation Statements we have sent you for approved fee variations.

The fee variations shown for each of the three audit years are not necessarily final figures. In some cases, for example, where audits have yet to be completed, further fee variation claims are expected. The recurring elements of any further fee variations approved will be addressed in future fee scale consultations.

The proposed aggregate value of recurring fee variations to date for consolidation into your 2022/23 scale fees is shown in column A of Table 2 and is based on the most recent approved fee variations for your audit.

Sometimes fee variations can be a combination of recurring and non-recurring work. We have reviewed each fee variation to identify the recurring element/s within the categories and so the aggregate recurring element may differ from the lefthand side of the table (the figures included in your Fee Variation Statement).

Some of these recurring fee variations may have already been consolidated within your scale audit fee. Where this is the case relevant figures are shown in column B. The balance of any recurring fee variations (A minus B) which have not yet been consolidated are shown in column C. These are the additional fees which we propose to incorporate within your 2022/23 scale fee.

Table 2: Summary of recurring approved fee variations for consolidation into 2022/23 scale fees

Fee variation area of work	Approved fee variations			Proposed aggregate recurring value for consolidation into 2022/23 scale fees	2018/19 already consolidated into 2021/22 scale fees	Recurring approved fee variations for consolidation into 2022/23 scale fees
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21			
Group	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pension valuation	£1,200	£1,750	-	£2,187	£1,200	£987
PIE	-	-	-	-	-	-
PPE valuation	£1,600	£1,750	-	£2,188	£1,600	£588
Increased FRC Challenge	-	£2,500	-	£3,125	-	£3,125
PFI	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total approved fee variations for recurring categories	£2,800	£6,000	-	£7,500	£2,800	£4,700