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Internal Audit Quotations for the 2026/2027 Financial year.

This report is presented to Englishcombe Parish Council to assist in the formal consideration and appointment of an Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026/2027.

As part of the Council's statutory obligations under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, all local councils are required to maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of their accounting records and control systems. The Internal Auditor must be independent of the financial decision-making process and competent to carry out a thorough and impartial examination of the Council's financial procedures, risk management, and governance arrangements.

This report outlines the quotations received from prospective internal audit providers, summarises the services offered, associated costs, and qualifications of each, and presents a recommendation for the Council's consideration. The selection of a suitable Internal Auditor is a key aspect of ensuring the Council continues to demonstrate transparency, accountability, and good financial governance.

Council is invited to review the options set out in the following report and to approve the appointment of an Internal Auditor who meets both the professional standards expected and the specific needs of Englishcombe Parish Council for the year ahead.

The Parish Clerk and RFO approached three contractors who serve the BANES area and are used by other Council's in the area.

- Auditing Solutions LTD – Current supplier.
- Do the Numbers LTD.
- Mulberry Local Authority Services LTD.

The scope of the quotation was as follows:

- To carry out an independent yearly annual Internal Audit.
- To write a report with findings and recommendations.
- To sign off the AGAR Section for Internal Audit.

The following quotations have been received:

Organisation	Quoted Price
Auditing Solutions LTD – Current supplier.	£260 maximum.
Do the Numbers LTD.	No quotation supplied due to reducing workload.
Mulberry Local Authority Services LTD.	£75 per hour (3-6 hour window quoted) 3 Hour Costs - £225 4 Hour Costs - £300 5 Hour Costs - £375 6 Hour Costs - £450

Quotations can be seen upon request.