

## 24. AUDIT OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to investigate the cost and basis of employing an external auditor and consider setting aside funds from the 2001/2002 Discretionary Funds for this purpose.

One of the roles of the Board is to consider applications for funding. External organisations often apply for substantial amounts of money for programmes or projects. While the application and officer's report is usually adequate for a decision to be made on one-off grants, it has become necessary to consider further evaluation of organisations that may require ongoing funding.

More and more organisations are requiring funding for programmes and projects that run for more than one year, or who request substantial grants. Because of this it is recommended that the Board employ an independent, external person to audit the financial records of those organisations.

**Recommendation:** That staff investigate the cost of employing an external auditor and on what basis, and report this information back to the May Board meeting.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.