

Audit fees for Mawr CC from 2000-01

10/06/2013

Dear Councillor Richard

Further to my email of 30 May 2013, I am now in a position to respond to your request for information of 29 May 2013 which was for:

Can you supply me with the annual Audit Fees charged in annual totals (breakdown of details not really needed) for Mawr Community Council, Swansea, for each financial year starting with Year 2000 to 2001 up to latest available figures?

These are fees, in total, for each year over past twelve to thirteen years - or as far back as you can conveniently go. I realise that some Audit Fees may be in compounded years for a variety of reasons.

The following amounts are the standard audit fee (excluding VAT) that would normally be applied in accordance with the Auditor General's Fee Scale fee scale for town and community councils and other types of bodies with income or expenditure up to £1,000,000 (Audit Commission fee scale for years prior to 2005/06):

Financial Year	Audit fee scale	Standard audit fee	Actual audit fee charged
2000/01	Audit Commission fees - per diem rates	No standard fee. Audit fees charged based on time spent on audit	Not held
2001/02	Audit Commission Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2001/02 to 2005/06	£250	£250
2002/03	Audit Commission Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2001/02 to 2005/06	£250	£250
2003/04	Audit Commission Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2001/02 to 2005/06	£350	Not held
2004/05	Audit Commission Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2001/02 to 2005/06	£250	See below
2005/06	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	£285	See below
2006/07	Auditor General Limited	£285	See below

	Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11		
2007/08	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	£285	See below
2008/09	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	£285	See below
2009/10	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	£285	See below
2010/11	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	£285	£285
2011/12	Auditor General Limited Assurance Audit Fee scale 2005/06 to 2010/11	Audit not yet completed	N/A

I should explain that the Wales Audit Office was created in 2005 following the merger of the Audit Commission in Wales and the National Audit Office Wales. However, as you will see from the above table, we do hold some information for the period 2000/01 - 2004/05.

Please also note that for the period 2004/05 - 2009/10 the total fee charged was £10,752 (excluding VAT). The table above illustrates the audit fees, totalling £1,675, that would normally have been charged at a council where the auditor did not identify significant issues such as those highlighted in Anthony Barrett's report in the public interest dated December 2011. We do not hold a breakdown of the actual fee for this period between each financial year. This reflects the fact that the issues identified by Mr Barrett affected more than one financial year.

I have not applied any exemptions, however if you wish to complain about my handling of your request, please email or write to me.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ian Phillips