

COST OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Introduction

On 26 June 2023, the full Council considered a report regarding its legal representation and resolved to confirm Stephens Scown LLP as the Council's legal representative (ref. minute 23/112).

Increase in Costs

In July 2024, Stephens Scown informed the Council regarding the following increases in costs:

2023-24 rates:

Partner	£370 + VAT
Senior Associate Solicitor	£290 + VAT
Associate Solicitor	banded £250 - £290 + VAT
Solicitor	banded £200 - £250 +VAT
Trainee	£150 + VAT
Paralegal	£150 + VAT

New hourly rates with effect from 1 June 2024:

Partner	£380 + VAT
Senior Associate Solicitor	£310 + VAT
Associate Solicitor	banded £260 - £310 + VAT
Solicitor	banded £200 - £260 +VAT
Trainee	£160 + VAT
Paralegal	£150 + VAT

Recommendation

To note the report.