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Kirklees Council



Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Dear Member

The Council will meet on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 5.30 pm in the Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The following matters will be debated:

Pages

1: Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

To receive any announcements from the Mayor and Chief Executive.

2: Apologies for absence

Group Business Managers to submit any apologies for absence.

3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To agree and authorise the Mayor to sign the Minutes of Council held on 8 December 2021.

4: Declaration of Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items of the Agenda in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of them items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

5: Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Process 2023 - 2028

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To consider the report.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy

6: Budget 2022-2023

To consider the recommendations of Cabinet (Budget), held on 1 February 2022, that;

- (i) General Fund Revenue
 - the draft Revenue Budget for 2022-2023, as attached at Appendix A, be approved
 - the forecast spending and funding plans for the 2023-2027 period, as set out at Appendix A, be noted
 - the forecast levels of statutory and other council reserves, as set out at Appendix Bii, be noted
 - the strategy for the use of balances and reserves (paragraph 2.13 refers) be approved
 - the Council's participation in the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool for 2022/2023 be noted, and that it also be noted that a further report will be submitted to Cabinet in March 2022 for formal agreement of the new arrangements
 - approval be given to the 2022-2023 Council taxbase for the whole Kirklees area, and the Council taxbases for the five Parish and Town Councils for 2022-2023 (Appendix Fi refers)
 - approval be given to the Council Tax requirement for 2022-2023 (Appendix Fii, budget motion refers)
 - the Council's Statutory s151 Officer's positive assurance statement as to the robustness of the forecasts and estimates and adequacy of financial reserves be noted (paragraphs 3.3.1 to 3.3.15 refer)

- authority be delegated to the Council's statutory s151 Officer to amend how the finally approved precepts are recorded in the Council's revenue budget in line with the final notifications received following decisions by the West Yorkshire Mayor Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Parish Councils, should these be received after 16 February 2022 (paragraph 3.1.3 refers)
- (i) Treasury Management
- the borrowing strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.15 to 2.25 refer)
 - the investment strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.26 to 2.34, Appendices A and B refer)
 - the policy for provision of repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision) be approved (paragraphs 2.35 to 2.39, Appendix C refer)
 - the treasury management indicators be approved (Appendix D refers)
 - the investment strategy (non treasury investments) be approved (Appendix E refers)
- (ii) Capital
- the updated Capital Plan 2021-2027 be approved (Appendix A refers)
 - the Capital Strategy (including prudential indicators) be approved (Appendix E refers)
- (iii) Housing Revenue Account
- the draft Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2022-2023 be approved (Appendix A refers)
 - the strategy for the use of the Housing Revenue Account reserves be approved (paragraph 2.15.6 refers)

Amendments will be published in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (4) on 9 February 2022.

By Order of the Council



Chief Executive

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Contact Officer: Andrea Woodside

COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 8 December 2021**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nigel Patrick) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Bill Armer	Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Donna Bellamy	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Aafaq Butt	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies	Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Donald Firth	Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Charles Greaves	Councillor Adam Gregg
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Erin Hill	Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Robert Iredale	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards	Councillor Aleks Lukic
Councillor Terry Lyons	Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Naheed Mather	Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Bernard McGuin	Councillor Matthew McLoughlin
Councillor Alison Munro	Councillor Darren O'Donovan
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	Councillor Jackie Ramsay
Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds	Councillor Mohammad Sarwar
Councillor Cathy Scott	Councillor Joshua Sheard
Councillor Will Simpson	Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Anthony Smith	Councillor Richard Smith
Councillor Mohan Sokhal	Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Mark Thompson	Councillor Sheikh Ullah
Councillor Harpreet Uppal	Councillor Lesley Warner
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Paul White

- 89 **Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**
The Mayor advised that Agenda Item 12 would be considered immediately after Agenda Item 7.

90 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Akhtar, Bolt, Dad, Holmes, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Loonat, Lowe, K Pinnock, Stephen, K Taylor and Zaman.

91 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

92 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

93 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 9, Council received the following petitions;

Councillor Lee-Richards submitted a petition which requested that traffic speeds be investigated on Hall Bower Lane and proposals be produced to reduce traffic speeds.

Councillor Burke submitted a petition which opposed proposals to make Occupation Road, Lindley, a one way system.

Councillor Cooper submitted a petition which request that the Council reverses its decision to revoke the commitment to include a Rugby League Museum in the George Hotel, Huddersfield.

The Mayor directed that, under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 9(3), the subject matter of the petitions be referred the appropriate Service Directors for investigation.

94 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 10 Council received a deputation from Gez Walsh and Bob Morse, Platform 1, which sought to heighten awareness of the mental health charity and outlined the work of the organisation's role in providing crisis support across Kirklees.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (Councillor Khan).

95 Public Question Time

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 11, Council received the following questions;

(i) Question from David Heathcote

“Would the Cabinet provide a figure for the actual number of cyclists who used Occupation Road, Lindley, as an active travel route pre and post lockdown, and what the projected uptake in use is with the proposed plans?”

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A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather).

(ii) Question from Keith Mallinson

“Two months ago I asked Council what was being done to address the road safety concerns of residents on the new Harron Homes estate in Shaw Cross and was assured that things were in hand. Please can you tell me specifically what actions the Council has taken to mitigate these concerns and to get the roads completed?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather).

(iii) Question from Greg Christofi

“With regards to the Holmfirth scheme and the protection of my bakery business, will the Council consider allowing the flour man for twenty minutes once a week to park in a loading lot so they can save one of the busiest businesses in Holmfirth?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride).

(iv) Question from Tejinder Ajiz

“What are the lessons that Kirklees have drawn or should properly draw in their Corporate governance; strategic thinking; how we as individuals; groups; organisations treat each other and those who we are supposed to serve to learn from, incorporate, accept, adapt and change how we respect and treat other people; as individuals and as a leading organisation in Kirklees from the lives; contributions ; successes and failures as exemplified by Marcus Rashford, Footballer; Azeem Rafiq, former Cricketer at Yorkshire County Cricket Club; Prince Philip, the Queen's consort, who died recently in his nineties; Keir Starmer, Labour Party Leader?”

A response was provided by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor).

(v) Question from Jonathan Bray

“On behalf of Holmfirth access scheme and businesses in Holmfirth, if businesses see a downturn in revenue of over 20% will the businesses receive compensation for the disruption caused by the access scheme?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride).

(vi) Question from Jonathan Bray

“When is the Holmfirth access scheme likely to start and finish?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride).

96 Key Discussion - Elected Mayor (West Yorkshire Combined Authority)
Tracy Brabin, Elected Mayor of West Yorkshire, attended for the Key Discussion and provided a short presentation prior to a question and answer session.

97 'Making' (bringing into force) the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and Consequential Updates to the Kirklees Development Plan Policies Map

It was moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor P Davies and

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the outcome of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum, as outlined within the considered report, pursuant to Section 38 Sub Section 3A (a) of the Planning and Compulsory Act (as amended) and (as updated by the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2017) be noted.
- 2) That the Council makes (beings into force) the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan Made Plan (as outlined at Appendix 3 of the report pursuant to Section 38A (4)(A) of the Planning and Compulsory Act (as amended)).
- 3) That, pursuant to (1) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to prepare consequential updates to the Kirklees Development Plan policies map to illustrate geographically the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area 8, character areas and relevant Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan policy designations.
- 4) That, pursuant to (2) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to make any further amendments to the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan that relate exclusively to factual updates, grammatical and formatting corrections for the purposes of publishing the plan.
- 5) That, pursuant to (1) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to (i) take the necessary steps to publicise the making of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and (ii) prepare and publicise the post-adoption sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental assessment statement in accordance with the regulations governing such matters.

98 Code of Conduct Model (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

It was moved by Councillor J Taylor, seconded by Councillor Sokhal and

RESOLVED - That Council adopt the draft hybrid code, as based upon the Local Government Association Model Code, as set out at the Appendix to the report.

99 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/2021**

Council received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/2021.

100 **Written Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees and Nominated Spokespersons**

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12, Council received the following written questions;

Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)

“What is the Council doing about tackling the backlog of repairs to council owned homes?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities (Councillor Pattison)

“Why was Almondbury Community School formerly closed before the new build at King James’s was completed?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Sheard to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services (Councillor Kendrick)

“On the run up to Christmas I’d like to ask the Cabinet Member how the Cabinet plans to support Kirklees youth homeless population so come the 25th of December they are warm, safe, well fed and are given appropriate support to help get them back on their feet, working towards making a success of themselves?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)

“Please can you tell me when the next review on grit bins will take place?”

There are currently in the range of 1450 grit bins throughout the district, the number is capped at this level and no additional grit bins will be provided as part of this review.”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Cooper to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride)

“Will the Council reconsider its decision to revoke its commitment to include a Rugby League Museum in the George Hotel?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Cooper to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson)

“At the last Council Meeting you defended the air quality and carbon emissions impact resulting from the Councils A629 widening proposals. Your assertions conflict with the evidence provided as part of the Council’s submission to the A629 widening Planning Application. Please can you provide the written calculations and detail the assumptions you have made to justify your comments at the last Council meeting?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor P Davies)

“What income is estimated to be lost to businesses in Cleckheaton during the recent series of water mains bursts on Bradford Road and surrounding area?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)

“What alternative parking arrangements are being made in Huddersfield ahead of the delivery of the Cultural Heart?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(Questions 9 to 12 were not heard due to time constraints).

- 101 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Principal Area Boundary Review**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 102 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Community Governance Review of Town, Parish and Community Councils within the Borough of Kirklees**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 103 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Support for Smokefree Fund**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).

KIRKLEES COUNCIL				
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC				
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
Council				
Name of Councillor				
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest	

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Name of meeting: Council

Date: 16 February 2022

Title of report: Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Process for the 2023-28 Period

Purpose of report

The report updates Members on the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) process for the appointment of external audit provision.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	Eamonn Croston 16/11/2021
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft 16/11/2021
Cabinet member portfolio	Councillor Paul Davies Councillor Shabir Pandor

Electoral wards affected: N/A

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public report

GDPR: This report contains no information that falls within the scope of General Data Protection Regulations.

1. **Summary**

The appended report was submitted to the meeting of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 26 November 2021 for consideration, and to make a recommendation to Council.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

(see appended report)

3. **Implications for the Council**

(see appended report)

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

(see appended report)

5. **Next steps**

PSAA guidance states that a decision to become an opted-in authority must be taken in accordance with the Regulations, that is by the members of an authority meeting as a whole, i.e. in Full Council.

Subject to the recommended 'opt-in' being approved at full Council, officers must inform PSAA by returning the Form of Acceptance Notice (issued with the opt-in invitation) no later than midnight on Friday 11 March 2022.

When the Auditor Panel, or Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd have carried out a tender process, they will recommend an auditor to the Council. An Auditor needs to be appointed by 31st December 2022.

6. **Recommendation of Corporate Governance & Audit Committee**

Corporate Governance & Audit Committee having considered the potential options, recommend that Council ask Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd to carry out Auditor Panel duties on behalf of the Council and nominate a proposed External Auditor to the Council in due course, for the 2023-28 period.

7. **Contact officer**

James Anderson, Head of Accountancy 01484 221000

Rachel Firth, Finance Manager 01484 221000

8. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Cabinet Report – 27 July 2021 (attached)

9. **Service Director responsible**

Eamonn Croston, Service Director – Finance.

Name of meeting: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
 26 November 2021, Council 19 January 2022.

Title of report: Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA)
 Process for the 2023-28 Period

Purpose of report

The report updates Members on the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) process for the appointment of external audit provision.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports) ?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Eamonn Croston 16/11/2021
Is it also signed off by the Service Director – Legal, Governance & Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft 16/11/2021
Cabinet member portfolio- Corporate	Cllr Shabir Pandor Cllr Paul Davies

Electoral wards affected: Not applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

GDPR: This report contains no information that falls within the scope of General Data Protection Regulations.

1. Summary

The report updates Members on the proposed procurement exercise for Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) process for the 2023 to 2028 period, which, subject to Local Authorities exercising their right to opt in, is to be undertaken by the PSAA to appoint their external auditors from 1 April 2023 to cover the period 2023-2028.

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 The Audit Commission was formally closed on 31 March 2015, and Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) was incorporated by the Local Government Association (LGA) in August 2014. PSAA is a company limited by guarantee without share capital and is a subsidiary of the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) which is wholly owned by the LGA.
- 2.2 In July 2016, the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government specified PSAA as an appointing person for principal local government and police bodies for audits from 2018/19, under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015.
- 2.3 Acting in accordance with this role PSAA is responsible for appointing an auditor and setting scales of fees for relevant principal authorities that have chosen to opt into its national scheme. PSAA has a responsibility for ensuring that the company delivers the following objectives:
- appointing auditors to all relevant authorities;
 - setting scales of fees, and charging fees, for the audit of accounts of relevant authorities and consulting with relevant parties in relation to those scales of fees;
 - ensuring effective management of contracts with audit firms for the delivery of consistent, quality and effective audit services to relevant authorities;
 - ensuring that public money continues to be properly accounted for and protected;
 - being financially responsible having regard to the efficiency of operating costs and transparently safeguarding fees charged to audited bodies; and
 - leading its people as a good employer, ensuring that it continues to be fit-for-purpose; motivating and supporting its staff; and communicating with them in an open, honest and timely way.
- 2.4 An individual Local Authority could appoint their own auditor if they so choose. In practice the vast majority, including this Council, opted into the procurements undertaken by the PSAA. The current contracts for audit procurement let by the PSAA expire after the end of the financial year 2022/23. One of the recommendations from the Redmond Review was that the PSAA will continue as the appointing body for local audit, in charge of procurement and contract management for local government auditors.
- 2.5 On 22 September 2021, PSAA invited all principal local government including police and fire bodies to become opted-in authorities. At the same time it published its procurement strategy and prospectus for the national scheme from April 2023, for a further 5 years. Both documents have evolved in response to the feedback provided by the PSAA market engagement exercise and consultation on the draft prospectus undertaken during June 2021. A link to the prospectus and strategy is included at Section 9 of this report.

- 2.6 The alternative to using PSAA to appoint an auditor is to carry out a council specific procurement (or one with another consortium of local authorities) compliant with all normal procurement rules, and an additional set of complex rules (including an independent selection panel) required by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.
- 2.7 Delayed audit opinions continue to be a major concern in the local audit system. The growing scale of the challenge is illustrated by the latest figures compiled by PSAA. As at the target date of 30 September 2021 only 9% of local government bodies' 2020/21 audits have been completed. The position compares to completion of 45% of 2019/20 audits and 57% of 2018/19 audits by the respective target dates of 30 November 2020 and 31 July 2019.
- 2.8 The challenges posed by Covid-19 have contributed to the current position. However, a range of further pressures documented in the Redmond Report are also continuing to impact performance. In particular, there is a shortage of auditors with the knowledge and experience to deliver the required higher quality audits of statements of accounts, which increasingly reflect complex structures and transactions, within the timeframe expected. The growing backlog of audits is also a concern, with 70 of the 2019/20 audits still incomplete.
- 2.9 The recommendation of the Service Director- Finance is that the Council should opt-in to the procurement exercise undertaken by the PSAA, who remain best placed to drive whole system improvements on the sector's behalf. It is consistent with the principle recommended in the Redmond Review that Local Authorities should not appoint their own auditor. In terms of price, there is a likely benefit from a bulk procurement, and it is uncertain if Kirklees were to undertake its own procurement it would attract an appropriate external auditor. One of the findings from the Redmond review was that there are only limited participants in the market prepared to undertake Local Authority audit.

2. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

N/A

3.2 Working with Partners

N/A

3.3 Placed based working

N/A

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

N/A

3.5 Improving Outcomes for Children

N/A

3.6 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

The Council wants a qualified, competent supplier at a reasonable cost, to perform their independent certification duties, including the added requirement to report to CGAC with a much expanded value for money commentary requirement from 2020/21 onwards, separate to the audit opinion of the annual financial statements.

4. Consultees and their opinions

N/A

5. Next steps

PSAA guidance states that a decision to become an opted-in authority must be taken in accordance with the Regulations, that is by the members of an authority meeting as a whole, i.e. in Full Council.

Subject to the Corporate Governance & Audit Committee recommendation 'opt-in' being approved at full Council, officers must inform PSAA by returning the Form of Acceptance Notice (issued with the opt-in invitation) no later than midnight on Friday 11 March 2022.

When the Auditor Panel, or Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd have carried out a tender process, they will recommend an auditor to the Council. An Auditor needs to be appointed by 31st December 2022.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 6.1 That Corporate Governance & Audit Committee having considered the potential options, recommend that Council ask Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd to carry out Auditor Panel duties on behalf of the Council and nominate a proposed External Auditor to the Council in due course, for the 2023-28 period.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

N/A

8. Contact officer

James Anderson Head of Accountancy
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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

[https://www.psa.co.uk/
PSAA prospectus-and-procurement-strategy](https://www.psa.co.uk/PSAA-prospectus-and-procurement-strategy)

10. Service Director responsible

Eamonn Croston 01484 221000