

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

Executive Summary

This supplementary paper sets out the extract from the minutes of the Standards and Audit Committee held on 25 November 2021 which relates to the recommendations to Council in respect of the Public Sector Audit Appointments.

7H PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS STA21-021

The Finance Director, Leigh Clarke, reported that the report before the Committee related to the procurement process for the appointment of external auditors for audits taking place from 2023/24 to 2027/28. All local government bodies were required to consider whether to arrange their own procurement, work in conjunction with other bodies, or join the national scheme administered by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA).

The report set out the options before the Committee and that the recommendation was that the Council opted into the sector-led appointment of external auditors by PSAA for five years from 1 April 2023. The option was noted to have a number of benefits to the Council, including the reduction in the procurements costs incurred; no requirement to set up a separate auditor panel and manage an audit contract; and the best opportunity to secure the appointment of a qualified, registered auditor.

The Committee unanimously supported the proposal for recommendation to Full Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That the Council opts into the sector-led appointment of external auditors by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for five financial years from 1 April 2023.

The Council has the authority to determine the recommendation set out above.

Background Papers:	None.
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