

<b>For Information and Consideration</b>	
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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10 December 2015</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>The Chief Finance Officer</b>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>13</b>

## **Appointment of External Auditors for 2018-19**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To inform members of the need to consider in appropriate time the appointment of External Auditors from 2018-19.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the report of the auditors and consider the potential options for progressing this requirement.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 Good governance.

### **4. Summary of Key Points**

- 4.1 The appointment of the existing external auditors was undertaken nationally following the decision to abolish the Audit Commission. This appointment was on a fixed term contract and has delivered significant savings nationally.
- 4.2 Within the existing contract there is an option to extend current arrangements for a further period of time and a presentation has been made to the Police and Crime Commissioners Treasurers Society (PACCTS) to this effect.
- 4.3 The Treasurers would like to see the process managed nationally again to ensure economies of scale continue to be achieved and as a minimum would like a nationally negotiated framework to be put in place. This message was going to be taken back.
- 4.4 At a local level the Notts Financial Officers have discussed this requirement, but to date no conclusion or further action has been taken.
- 4.5 For the NOPCC it would be beneficial to be part of a wider appointment either, nationally, by the police sector, regionally or locally with other public sector partners.
- 4.6 The attached report has been provided at an appropriate time as these discussions are taking place.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 None as a direct result of this report.
- 5.2 It is important that the process we implement for the appointment is given careful consideration and whilst cost is not the only driver at times of budget cuts it is a very important factor.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 None as a direct result of this report.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 None as a direct result of this report.

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 A potential change in external audit provision does bring an element of risk, but careful management of the process should ensure such risks are minimised.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 This complies with the principles of good governance, Financial Regulations and the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

- 10.1 None

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

- 11.1 Not applicable

## **12. Appendices**

- 12.1 Appointing your external auditor - KPMG