

Devon Audit Partnership Annual Report and Budget Outturn 2022/23

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) review and consider the performance of Devon Audit Partnership during the year as shown in the Annual Report.
- (b) review and consider the budget outturn and other performance figures provided in the Financial Outturn Report.
- (c) note the continued achievement of the team in the Customer Service Excellence external assessment outcome as shown in the CSE Certificate.

2) Introduction

The Annual Report describes the performance of Devon Audit Partnership during the period the financial year 2022/23 and notes some of the key achievements during this period.

3) Main Body/Proposal

The reports provides the end of year performance position and information for the Partnership including generating a surplus of £4.7k. In addition they outline other key activity and staffing changes during this period. The annual report also notes some of the challenges facing the Partnership in 2023/24 which are already known, along with the steps that are being taken.

4) Strategic Plan

There are no Strategic Plan issues associated with this report, but the work of the Partnership will provide assurance on the achievement of objectives and advice where appropriate on the DCC Corporate Plan.

5) Financial Considerations

There are no direct Financial Considerations issues associated with this report, but Members should be aware that there are financial uncertainties for the Partnership in 2023/24 as there are for all Partners.

6) Legal Consideration

There are no specific Legal Considerations or issues associated with this report.

7) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

There are no specific Environmental Impact Considerations or issues associated with this report.

8) Equality Considerations

There are no specific Equality Considerations associated with this report.

9) Management Considerations

This report indicates performance of the Partnership in the following areas.

- Internal Audit
- Counter Fraud Activity
- Risk Management Support

10) Public Health Impact

There is no specific impact on Public Health in connection with this report.

11) Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

Reasons for reviewing the report and information within it are linked to the Committees Terms of Reference and those relevant to this meeting as set out in the Partnership agreement are shown below.

- Receive and consider reports from the Management Board, the Head of Internal Audit Partnership, External Audit and the Host Council.
- Approving the annual accounts of the Partnership.

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