

DEVON AUDIT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

13 July 2023

Present:

Councillor R Scott	Devon County Council
Councillor C Slade	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor L Knight	Mid Devon District Council
Councillor C Norman	North Devon Council
Councillor A Nix	South Hams Borough Council
Councillor N Penny	Torbay Council
Councillor J Gubb	Torrige District Council
Councillor R Oxborough	West Devon Borough Council

Apologies:

Councillor M Hartnell	Devon County Council
Councillor L Kennedy	Mid Devon District Council
Councillor P Hackett	Torrige District Council

* **51** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Chair and Vice-Chair should be held on a rotational basis with each Council having a Member serve alternately for one year. It was therefore the turn of Devon County Council to hold the post of Chair and the turn of Torrige District Council to hold the post of Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Scott, **SECONDED** by Councillor Slade and

RESOLVED that Councillor Hartnell (Devon) be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Gubb, **SECONDED** by Councillor Scott and

RESOLVED that Councillor Hackett (Torrige) be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair from the meeting, the Committee agreed that Councillor Slade act as interim Chair for today's meeting.

* **52** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

* **53** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

54 **Devon Audit Partnerships Annual Report and Budget Outturn 2022-23**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DF/23/76) on the Devon Audit Partnership Annual Report and Budget Outturn 2022/23.

The Annual Report described the performance of Devon Audit Partnership during the financial year 2022/23 and noted some of the key achievements during that period.

The Report also provided the end of year performance position and information for the Partnership including generating a surplus of £4.7k. It also outlined other key activity and staffing changes during the period. The Report also noted some of the challenges facing the Partnership in 2023/24 which were already known, together with the steps that were being taken.

Although a Small Bodies Return was not a formal requirement, the Partnership however considered it good practice to continue with it.

The Committee endorsed the report and the sign-off of the Small Bodies Return and wished to thank staff for their hard work throughout the year.

* **55** **Future Meeting Locations**

This item would be considered at the next meeting.

56 **Date of next meeting**

23 November 2023 at County Hall, Exeter (in person).

NOTES:

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
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* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.40 am and finished at 11.02 am