

DEVON AUDIT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

31 August 2016

Present:

Devon County Council

Councillor Clatworthy

Plymouth City Council

Councillor Mahony

Torbay Council

Councillor Tyerman (Chairman)

Torridge District Council

Councillor Hackett

Also in Attendance

Mr A Hardingham (S151 Officer, Plymouth City Council)

Mr R Hutchins (Devon Audit Partnership)

Apologies:

Councillors Edgell (Devon County Council), Leaves (Plymouth City Council) and O'Dwyer (Torbay Council)

* 1 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillor Tyerman be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

* 2 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillor Leaves be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

* 3 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* 4 **Devon Audit Partnership Annual Report 2015/16**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Devon Audit Partnership (CT/16/51) outlining the progress made by the Partnership during the course of the year; the ongoing development of arrangements with partners, and the continued high level of customer satisfaction.

In response to Members' questions, the Head of Devon Audit Partnership stated that the high level performance indicator relating to sickness was largely as a result of long term sickness; HR advice and assistance was being sought to maximise staff attendance. The situation would continue to be monitored.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Clatworthy, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mahony and

RESOLVED that the Devon Audit Partnership Annual Report 2015/16 be noted.

* **5** **Devon Audit Partnership 2015/16 Revenue Outturn Position**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Devon Audit Partnership (CT/16/49) setting out the revenue outturn position and changes between month 9 and year end; the balance sheet as at 31 March 2016; the Accounting Statement, and the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2015/16.

The Head of Devon Audit Partnership indicated that, while the requirement for a Small Bodies Return had been removed for organisations with a turnover of less than £5m, the Partnership had considered it good practice to continue with it.

South West Audit Partnership had now completed the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2015/16 and the Internal Audit Summary, circulated at the meeting, certifying all objectives had been met.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Clatworthy, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mahony and

RESOLVED that the Devon Audit Partnership Revenue Outturn Position Report 2015/16 be noted and that approval be given for the Chairman to sign the Annual Governance Statement at Appendix 2.

* **6** **Devon Audit Partnership - Arrangements post March 2017 (updated August 2016)**

The Committee received the Report of the Head of Devon Audit Partnership (CT/16/50) outlining the future direction of the Partnership, including a seven year partnership agreement, subject to a review after five years, and the potential to develop a strategic alliance with Audit West to help further develop benefits for the Partnership.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Tyerman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Clatworthy and

RESOLVED that the Head of Devon Audit Partnership progress the extension of the partnership agreement in accordance with the Report and that consideration be given to the concept of a rolling agreement in consultation with the Section 151 Officers of the Partnership, the Management Board and Councils' Legal Officers.

* **7** **Future Meetings**

Wednesday 16 November 2016; Wednesday 15 March 2017; Wednesday 21 June 2017, all commencing at 10.30am, at County Hall, Exeter.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.40 am

