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To: The Chair and Members of the Audit Committee County Hall Topsham Road Exeter Devon EX2 4QD

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 26th November, 2020

A meeting of the Audit Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Virtual meeting. For public participation (questions /representations), please contact the Clerk for further details on attendance. to consider the following matters.

Phil Norrey Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 <u>Minutes</u>

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2020 (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

4 <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT - Update on the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) report on</u> <u>local audit</u> (Pages 1 - 6)

Report provided by Grant Thornton via the County Treasurer (CT/20/103), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

5 <u>Devon Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2019/20, Part I</u> (Pages 7 - 34)

Report provided by Grant Thornton via the County Treasurer (CT/20/94), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED

6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Recommendation: that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, the financial or business affairs of the a third party and of the County Council and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

7 Devon Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2019/20, Part 2

Report to be provided by Grant Thornton via the County Treasurer. The Report will follow.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE

8 <u>Re-admission of the Public and Press</u>

Recommendation – that the press and public no longer need to be excluded from the meeting and can be readmitted.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

9 <u>Devon County Council Audit Findings Report 2019/20</u> (Pages 35 - 78)

Report provided by Grant Thornton via the County Treasurer (CT/20/95), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

10 <u>Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2019/20</u> (Pages 79 - 284)

Report of the County Treasurer (CT/20/96), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

11 Key Messages from the Redmond Review

Presentation from the Head Accountant

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

12 Revised Internal Audit Plan, 2020/21 (Pages 285 - 300)

Report of the County Treasurer (CT/20/92), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

13 Risk Management Update 2020/21 (Pages 301 - 310)

Report of the County Treasurer (CT/20/93), Attached

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

14 <u>Future Meetings</u>

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