

AUDIT COMMITTEE – DECISION NOTICE

23 November 2021

Present:-

Councillors R Scott (Chair), D Barnes, J Berry, F Biederman, R Peart and I Roome

Apologies:-

Councillors I Hall

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021 be signed as a correct record.

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Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

RESOLVED that

a) the Letters of Management Representation for the Devon Pension Fund and the County Council be approved;

b) the Authority's Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 be approved;

c) the Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 be approved; and

d) the preparation of both the Statement of Accounts for the Pension Fund and for the County Council be approved on a going concern basis.

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Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED 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 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.

10 Procurement Arrangements for External Audit 2023/24 to 2027/28

RESOLVED that

- a) the County Council be recommended to approve the Authority and its Pension Fund remaining within the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) framework for the procurement of external audit services from 2023/24 to 2027/28; and

- b) the County Council be requested to write to the Local Government Association (LGA) to express concern regarding the inadequacies of the audit market and the need for PSAA action to ensure improved audit performance nationally.