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To: The Chair and Members

of the Audit Committee

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Monday, 27th November, 2023

A meeting of the Audit Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm at Committee Suite - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2023 (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>Devon Pension Fund - Audit Findings</u> (Pages 1 - 34)

Report of Grant Thornton, attached.

5 <u>Devon County Council Audit Progress and Sector Update</u> (Pages 35 - 56)

Report of Grant Thornton, attached.

6 <u>Internal Audit Update</u> (Pages 57 - 86)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (FPV/23/118), attached.

7 Risk Management Update (Pages 87 - 102)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (FPV/23/117), attached.

8 <u>Counter Fraud Update</u> (Pages 103 - 114)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (FPV/23/118), attached.

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10 IT Asset Management (Pages 115 - 128)

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (FPV/23/116), attached.

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