

DEVON AUDIT PARTNERSHIP – UPDATED BUSINESS PLAN 2021 TO 2026
Report of the Director of Finance

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: that the Committee

1. **Notes** the updated Business Plan covering the five-year period 2021 to 2026.

Summary

The attached report from the Head of Devon Audit Partnership and the Partnership management team provides a summary of the direction of the Partnership for the coming five years.

The previous 11 years or so have been very successful; the Partnership has grown in terms of the partners involved, and the services we provide have extended to include not only Internal Audit but also Risk Management and Counter Fraud.

However, we know how important it is to look to the future and determine what our partners and clients will want from the Partnership in the coming years. This, combined with wider sector knowledge gained from professional sources and valued colleagues, has enabled us to prepare our Business Plan.

The Plan recognises the key role that technology will play in the future, both for the systems and processes operated by our clients, and by DAP, in delivering assurance around the management of risk and delivery of services. We need to ensure that we invest in our staff and our technology so that we can continue to provide the level of assurance our partners and clients need.

The report recognises that growth is likely to be limited – we currently provide services to a large number of public sector bodies in the Devon (and wider area) – however this does not mean that we will be complacent in seeking out new opportunities that will both strengthen the Partnership and provide better quality services to the wider not-for-profit sector.

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Electoral Divisions: All
Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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<u>Background Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Ref</u>
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Nil

There are no equality issues associated with this report