

## **Devon Audit Partnership (DAP) Committee Governance Arrangements**

### **Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value**

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Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Audit Committee before taking effect.

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#### **1) Recommendation**

It is proposed that the Partnership Agreement is modified to reflect the proposed governance arrangements set out in the attached document.

#### **2) Background / Introduction**

Devon Audit Partnership Committee Members have highlighted that the current arrangements for decisions to be made and ratified are no longer effective.

The current governance was based on the three founding Partners and the situation is now very different.

#### **3) Main Body / Proposal**

It is proposed that the Partnership Agreement is modified to reflect the following.

- A quorum is achieved when a majority of Partners are represented at a committee meeting; and
- at least one of those present represents the Host Authority; and
- should any Partner only have one attendee, that person will hold and cast both votes for that Partner Authority.

This would at present require a minimum of four of the Partners to be represented and would result in a minimum of eight votes being cast on any decision, action or motion.

#### **4) Options / Alternatives**

Not Applicable

#### **5) Consultations / Representations / Technical Data**

This report has been agreed with the Devon Audit Partnership Management Board.

#### **6) Strategic Plan:**

There are no strategic plan issues associated with this report.

### **7) Financial Considerations:**

There are no direct Financial Considerations issues associated with this report.

### **8) Legal Consideration:**

There are no specific Legal Considerations or issues associated with this report.

### **9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change):**

There are no specific Environmental Impact Considerations or issues associated with this report.

### **10) Equality Considerations:**

There are no specific Equality considerations associated with this report

### **11) Risk Management Considerations:**

There are no specific Risk Management considerations associated with this report

### **12) Public Health Impact:**

There is no specific impact on Public Health in connection with this report.

### **13) Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations:**

To ensure that the operations for the Partnership are not adversely impacted by historical governance arrangements.

#### **Angie Sinclair**

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#### **Electoral Divisions: All**

Cabinet Member for Finance: Councillor Phil Twiss

#### **Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers**

Nil

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