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## **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To allow the Authority to consider recommendations made by the Audit Committee.
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## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Authority participate in the national audit procurement arrangements for the next procurement cycle as set out in Appendix A.**
  - b. **Receive the Annual Report of the External Auditor as set out in Appendix B and consider the comments of the Audit Committee set out in the body of this report**
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## **3 Link to Corporate Objectives**

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:

### **Effective and Transparent Governance**

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

## **4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register**

The actions outlined in this report do not specifically address identified corporate risks, although the annual report of the external auditor does reflect on the effectiveness of the Authority's risk management arrangements.

## **5 Background and Options**

- 5.1 The Audit Committee at its last meeting in October considered two items on which it made recommendations to the Authority.

- 5.2 The first item is the process for procuring future external audit services, details of which are set out in the report at Appendix A. The Audit Committee recommends that the Authority agree to participate in the national arrangements provided through Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd. This is a decision that legally has to be taken by the Full Council or equivalent and is therefore this recommendation is being brought to the Authority for approval.
- 5.3 The second item for consideration is the annual report of Deloitte LLP the Authority's external auditor. While there is currently no requirement for this to be considered by the full Authority, it is considered good practice both in terms of transparency and the wider governance responsibilities of all members for this to be considered at Full Council or the equivalent. The Audit Committee made no specific recommendations for the Authority to consider but did note the generally positive nature of the report and the fact that the Authority was part of the 9% of local government bodies whose audit was completed in line with the required timescale.

## **6 Implications**

- 6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	As set out in appendices A and B
Human Resources	As set out in appendices A and B
ICT	As set out in appendices A and B
Legal	As set out in appendices A and B
Procurement	As set out in appendices A and B

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>