

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**31 March 2017**

**PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS**

**Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. In September 2016, the Committee agreed that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, would make a recommendation to Council regarding the preferred option for the appointment of the Council's external auditor. This report provides an update on the position for member's information.

**2. Background and Next Steps**

- 2.1. Members may recall that the contract with the Council's current external auditors, Mazars, is due to come to an end on 31 March 2018. The Council therefore has to arrange for external auditors to be appointed thereafter.
- 2.2. The report in September 2016 set out the various options that can be followed for the appointment and suggested that the preferred option would be to opt into an arrangement being put in place by Public Sector Appointments Ltd (PSAA) who would procure and appoint external auditors for all local authorities that joined this arrangement. The available options were reported to Council in January 2017 and the decision was made to join the PSAA arrangement. This was subsequently confirmed to PSAA and the Council is now awaiting the results of the procurement and appointment process.
- 2.3. Once the appointment is made a further report will be brought back to the Committee.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1. Members are asked to note the updated position.

