

COUNCIL

15 FEBRUARY 2022

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

A.3 APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING 2023/24

(Report prepared by Richard Barrett and Karen Townshend)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider a recommendation from the Audit Committee that this Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments for the appointment of external auditors for a five year period commencing 2023/24.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On the 27 January 2022 the Audit Committee considered a report of the Assistant Director Finance & IT, which included the proposals to opt into the Public Sector Audit Appointments arrangements for appointing External Auditors from 2023/24. The Audit Committee resolved that it *recommends to Full Council that this Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments for the appointment of external auditors for a five year period commencing from 2023/24.*

The Audit Committee report referred to above is attached as **Appendix A** for the Council's consideration. As the report also included a number of unrelated issues that were also considered by the Audit Committee at the time, the attached includes just the relevant extracts from the report. [The full report to the Audit Committee is available on the Council's website.]

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That Tendring District Council continues to opt-in to the appointing person arrangements offered by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors for a period of five years commencing from 2023/24; and**
- (b) That PSAA be informed of the Council's decision by the PSAA's deadline for responses of 11 March 2022.**

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Relevant Extracts from the Report to the Audit Committee held on 27 January 2022