Agenda Item No.

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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
2nd August 2023

SUBJECT	**SUMMARY REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FROM 2023/24 AND FEE VARIATIONS FOR PREVIOUS EXTERNAL AUDITOR**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To provide the Committee with a high-level summary report following the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as External Auditor (previously EY LLP) and fee variations approved to date from EY LLP.	
RECOMMENDATION	**That the report be considered.**

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Annex A attached to this report includes details of the process and outcome to appoint the new External Auditor along with details of fee variations and the process used to review and approve them.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional financial implications to those included in the report itself.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct legal and human rights considerations arising from this report.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no direct personnel, equal opportunities and diversity issues arising from this report.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

None specific

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None specific

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.