

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

WILTSHIRE LOCAL PENSION BOARD  
18 October 2017

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### **EXTERNAL & INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Final Audit Report for the Wiltshire Pension Fund prepared by KPMG and provide an update on the future provision of audit services.

#### **Background**

2. There is a requirement for a separate annual audit to be carried out on the Wiltshire Pension Fund. The audit has been carried out by Wiltshire Council's external auditor, KPMG.
3. KPMG completed an interim audit visit in March 2017 but did not issue an interim report as there were no significant issues arising from this work. Over the summer they have carried out the main audit and again no significant issues were raised. Therefore, as there are no issues to report the resulting Final Audit Report has been included within the main one for Wiltshire Council (see attached). This report was presented and approved on the 26 July 2017 meeting of the Audit Committee.
4. KPMG's final audit opinion and certificate on the Wiltshire Pension Fund Annual Report is due to be provided once they complete work on the Whole of Government Account by the end of September 2017. The draft Wiltshire Pension Fund Financial Statements for 2016-17 was approved by this committee at the meeting on 28 June 2017. The draft Pension Fund Annual Report is on today's agenda.

#### **Considerations for the Committee**

5. The attached draft Final Audit Report (page 17) states KPMG anticipate issuing an unqualified opinion on the Pension Fund Annual Report at the same time as the opinion on the Statement of Accounts.
6. The Treasurer to the Pension Fund will provide an update on the future provision of external audit services at this meeting as this will now be appointed on a national basis and therefore KPMG would not be the auditor for the next year.
7. The internal audit plans, which is undertaken by the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) is currently being drafted and will be agreed with the officers of the Pension Fund in the coming months.
8. Based on the previous internal and external audit plans that have come to this meeting, the Board may wish to consider any items that they feel would need to be covered in this plan.

#### **Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

9. There is no known environmental impact of this proposal.

#### **Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact**

10. There are no known implications at this time.

## **Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment**

11. There are no financial consideration resulting from this proposal and the paper reviews risk as part of the audit.

## **Proposals**

12. The Board is asked to:

- a) note the attached Final Audit Report;
- b) note the verbal update on the appointment of the Fund's external auditor; and
- c) recommend to officers any areas that should be covered in the 2018 internal audit plan.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE