

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE JOINT AUDIT, RISK & ASSURANCE PANEL

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Report of	CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND ACO FINANCE
Subject	PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (PSAA)
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Purpose of Report

1. This report is to update members on the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) - an independent, not for Profit Company limited by guarantee and established by the Local Government Association.

Background

2. The JARAP's Terms of Reference describe their role in relation to the provision of external auditors and this is detailed in paragraphs 10.3 and 10.3.1:

10.3 External audit responsibilities

It is anticipated that the PCC and Chief Constable will engage the same external auditors. The role of the JARAP in relation to external audit will include advising the PCC and Chief Constable on the following:

- 10.3.1 *Consider and make recommendations on the provision of external auditors, including appointment and dismissal in conjunction with the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd PSAA who are currently responsible for the appointment of external auditors in England to bodies subject to audit under the Local Audit and Accountability 2014.*

Recommendation

3. The Panel is asked to:
 1. Support the principle of joining the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Limited for the procurement of audit contracts with effect from 2018/19.

Update

4. Ernst & Young will continue as external auditors to the PCC and Chief Constable of Leicestershire and have been appointed across the East Midlands region for 5 years from 2018/19.

Background Papers

Local Audit and Accountability Bill (May 2013)
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
PSAA Appointments Report (Sept 2016)

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