

WEST DEVON AUDIT COMMITTEE



West Devon
Borough
Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **West Devon Audit Committee**
held on
Tuesday, 10th January, 2017 at **2.00 pm** at the **Chamber -
Kilworthy Park**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Davies
Vice Chairman Cllr Moody

Cllr Jory
Cllr Watts

Cllr Stephens

In attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr Edmonds

Officers:

Lisa Buckle
Neil Hawke
Steve Mullineaux

Section 151 Officer
Group Manager Support Services

21. **Apologies for absence**

***AC 21**

No Apologies were received.

22. **Confirmation of Minutes**

***AC 22**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 September 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

23. **Local Authority Controlled Company Risk and Governance**

***AC 23**

The Support Services Specialist Manager and the Finance Community of Practice Lead took Members through the report.

In response to Member questions it was confirmed that the proposal was for the Board composition to be in the range of 7 – 9 Members, with both Councils having equal shares and equal voting rights. It was also confirmed that Unison had been consulted and kept up to date on the project. When asked for his views, the KPMG representative stated that a good business case had been set out and, as the Council's External Auditors, KPMG had no concerns at this time.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Local Authority Controlled Company Risk and Governance Report be noted.

24. **KPMG - Annual Audit Letter and Closure of the Audit Letter**
***AC 24**

The KPMG representative took Members through the Audit Letter and, with no questions being asked, it was then:

RESOLVED

That the KPMG Annual Audit Letter and Closure of the Audit Letter be noted.

25. **Appointment of External Auditor**
AC 25

The lead Hub Committee Member introduced the report that sought a recommendation from the Committee to the Council regarding the arrangements for the future appointment of External Auditors.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Committee **RECOMMEND** to Council that West Devon Borough Council opts into the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors.

26. **Treasury Management Mid-Year Update**
***AC 26**

The lead Hub Committee Member took Members through the Mid-Year Update report.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the Treasury Management Mid-Year updates report be noted.

27.

Update on Progress on the 2016/17 Internal Audit Plan

***AC 27**

Members considered a report that presented the 2016/17 Internal Audit Plan.

In discussion, the Committee endorsed the suggestion that a shared West Devon Borough Council / South Hams District Council Internal Audit Plan should be produced next year.

It was then:

RESOLVED

That the 2016/17 Internal Audit Plan be noted.

The Meeting concluded at 2.45 pm

Signed by:

Chairman
