

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Public Sector Audit Appointments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this decision is to opt into a national procurement exercise to appoint External Auditors for the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) for the West Midlands. This is to take effect from April 2018 to complete the audit of accounts for the financial year 2018/19.

The opt in is with Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) who have been specified as an appointing person under the provisions of the 2014 Act and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015. This means that PSAA will make auditor appointments for Police and Crime Commissioners and other relevant principal local government bodies that choose to opt into the national appointment arrangements they are developing, for audits of the accounts for 2018/19.

Further details of the proposal are detailed in the attached report that was submitted to the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) of the PCC and West Midlands Police in December 2016. JAC's advice in relation to the appointment of external auditors is to utilise the arrangement provided by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA).

The length of the contracts under the PSAA arrangement is 5 years.

The total cost of the current external auditor service provided by Grant Thornton for the PCC and the Chief Constable is £64,868 per annum. It is too early to estimate the new external audit fee with effect from 2018/19 but the cost is likely to be lower through a sector-led national procurement exercise.

DECISION

To opt into the arrangements being put in place by the Public Sector Audit Appointment Ltd (PSAA) for the provision of External Audit Services from April 2018.

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I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....*David Davis*

Date.....*24.01.17*