



## COUNCIL MEETING

24 February 2022

### EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS BEYOND 1 APRIL 2023

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**Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to approve opting into the national sector-led arrangement for the appointment of external auditors with effect from 1 April 2023.
2. The Council needs to make a decision about its external audit arrangements from 2023/24 onwards. The Council's Audit and Standards Committee considered this approach on 31 January 2022 and supported the proposed approach.
3. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that Council approves the proposal to opt-in to the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.