



## COUNCIL MEETING

8 March 2017

### EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS BEYOND 1 APRIL 2018

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**Sheena Ramsay, Chief Executive**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report sets out the proposed arrangement for appointing an external auditor for the financial year 2017/18.
2. The Council's existing contract with Mazars ends on 31 March 2018.
3. The Council's Audit and Standards Committee considered the options for the local appointment of external auditors at its meeting on 30 January 2017. The proposed option is to opt-in to a sector led body that will negotiate contracts and make the appointment on behalf of councils, removing the need to set up an Independent Auditor Panel.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation to Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

5. It is recommended that Council approve the proposal to opt-in to a national sector led body that will undertake the appointment of an external auditor on behalf of the Council.