

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

13 OCTOBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs R Camamile - Chairman
Mr P Wallace – Vice-Chairman
Mrs MA Cook, Mr DS Cope, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr MR Lay, Mr KWP Lynch,
Mrs J Richards, Miss DM Taylor and Mr HG Williams

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen, Jodie Stead (PWC) and Ashley Wilson

Avtar Sohal, Ernst & Young, was also in attendance.

209 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor O’Shea.

211 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

214 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Members were informed of the changes to the arrangements for appointing external auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the forthcoming end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of the 2017/18 audits. The committee was informed that an External Auditor would need to be appointed by 31 December 2017 and the options available were highlighted. Following discussion, members agreed that they would prefer the third option listed whereby the authority would be able to opt in to a sector led body appointed by the Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDED – option 3 be RECOMMENDED.

(The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm)

CHAIRMAN