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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Meeting of the City Council 26 January 2022	
Report title	Appointment of the External Auditor	
Referring body	Audit and Risk Committee - 6 December 2021	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Alan Butt – Chair of Audit and Risk Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
Accountable director	Claire Nye	
Originating service	Finance	
Accountable employee	Peter Farrow Tel Email	Head of Audit 01902 554460 peter.farrow@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report has been considered by	Audit and Risk Committee6 December 2021	

## **Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to opt into the national scheme for auditor appointments from April 2023.

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## 1.0 Purpose

1.1 To consider the options available and recommend that the Council takes up the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) to opt into the national scheme for auditor appointments from April 2023.

# 2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 6 December 2021 the Audit and Risk Committee considered a report on Appointment of the External Auditor.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website <u>here.</u>
- 2.3 Audit and Risk Committee recommended to Council that it approves:
  - 1. The invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to opt into the national scheme for auditor appointments from April 2023.

### 3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 6 December 2021.

## 4.0 Legal implications

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## 5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 6 December 2021.

## 6.0 All other Implications

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## 7.0 Schedule of background papers

- 7.1 Invitation letter of 22 September 2021 from Public Sector Audit Appointments.
- 7.2 Audit and Risk Committee, 6 December 2021, Appointment of the External Auditor