

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 24 October 2011

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 7330)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES, LEISURE AND CULTURE
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED SHARED PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES WITH HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
AUTHOR:	Neil Pitman

THE DECISION

- (i) To agree in principle to support the establishment of an Internal Audit shared service partnership with Hampshire County Council and or West Sussex County Council, with Hampshire acting as host authority.
- (ii) That the Head of Finance (CFO) be given delegated authority to:
 - (a) continue to explore the setting up of a partnership, and
 - (b) subject to ensuring that the partnership will be at a minimum cost neutral or a saving to the Council and in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Hampshire County Council and or West Sussex County Council for the provision of a joint internal audit services function with effect from 1 April 2012 upon such terms and conditions as the Head of Finance (CFO) considers appropriate and reasonable.
- (iii) That following the signing of the Partnership Agreement and on commencement of arrangements that internal audit staff (as detailed in exempt Appendix 1) be transferred under TUPE to Hampshire County Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Arrangements are currently in place for the shared provision of the Chief Internal Auditor between Southampton City Council and Hampshire County Council. This proposal would build on existing arrangements and further strengthen the resilience of the internal audit function and provide the potential for future income streams as the partnership matures.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A number of alternative business models were considered including a fully outsourced service; however these were rejected on the basis of numerous considerations including cost, resilience, capacity and staff implications.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 24th October 2011

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable)* *(this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)