

Record of Decisions

Devon Audit Partnership - Extension of Deed of Variation

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 1 May 2014

Decision

- (i) That the extension of the Devon Audit Partnership for a further 3 years (April 2014 to March 2017) and that the submitted Deed of Variation be approved; and
- (ii) that the membership of the Partnership be extended to include the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall (OPCC).

Reason for the Decision

The three year extension will enable the continuation of the provision of a high quality and cost effective internal audit service. The proposal for OPCC to join the Partnership will enable the partnership to generate income and contribute towards achieving a sustainable service.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday 14 May 2014 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Devon Audit Partnership between Devon, Torbay and Plymouth was established in 2009 to deliver internal audit functions. Since its establishment the Partnership arrangement was challenged to make significant financial savings whilst still providing a high quality, robust, independent and assurance function.

The Partnership proposes to extend the arrangement for a further 3 years with the membership extended to include the OPCC to enable financial targets to be achieved and to provide modernised working practices. The proposed Deed of Variation will enable the extension to take place and the OPCC to join the partnership as a non-voting member.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council made on 1 May 2014 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Not to extend the partnership.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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