

ORIGINATOR: T/CFO

DECISION NUMBER: 7 - 2022

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO BECOME AN OPTED-IN AUTHORITY

SUMMARY:

1. This paper provides for a decision to opt into the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd's (PSAA) national scheme for external audit appointments.
2. Under this scheme the PSAA is responsible for the procurement of audit services. It is also responsible for appointing the OPCC and Constabulary external auditor and for setting fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC:

1. Accepts PSAA's invitation to become an opted-in authority participating in its national scheme for external audit appointments from 2023/24 onwards.
2. Authorises the Temporary Chief Finance Officer to complete the notice of acceptance at appendix 1 on behalf of the PCC and the Chief Constable.

APPROVAL BY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER:

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



Signature:

Date: 08.02.2022

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1 The Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) has invited the PCC to opt into its national scheme for external audit appointments from 2023/24 onwards.
- 1.2 Under the national scheme the PSAA is responsible for the procurement of audit services. It is also responsible for appointing the OPCC and Constabulary external auditor and for setting fees.
- 1.3 The appointing period will cover the five consecutive financial years beginning 1 April 2023 as the compulsory appointing period.
- 1.4 Responsibility for the decision on appointing an auditor for the Chief Constable is reserved to the PCC under schedule 3 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The PCC has considered and agreed the external audit options in conjunction with the Chief Constable.
- 1.5 Formal agreement to opt-in is by submitting the notice of acceptance at appendix 1 by Friday 11 March 2022. The PCC's completed notice of acceptance will also cover the Chief Constable.
- 1.6 It is also suggested that the PCC request that the PSAA appoint the same external auditor for Suffolk and Norfolk OPCCs and Constabularies. This is due to the Constabularies operating a significant number of collaborated joint functions.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 There are no financial implications outside of those presented in this report.


3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 There are no other implications and risks outside of those presented in this report.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	N/A
Have human resource implications been considered?	N/A
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	N/A
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>Signature: Date: 08.02.2022</p>
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Appointing Period 2023/24 to 2027/28
Form of notice of acceptance of the invitation to opt in

(Please use the details and text below to submit to PSAA your body's formal notice of acceptance of the invitation to opt into the appointing person arrangements from 2023)

Email to: ap2@psaa.co.uk

Subject: Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk Notice of acceptance of the invitation to become an opted-in authority
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This email is notice of the acceptance of your invitation dated 22 September 2021 to become an opted-in authority for the audit years 2023/2024 to 2027/2028 for the purposes of the appointment of our auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the requirements of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015.

I confirm that **Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk** has made the decision to accept your invitation to become an opted-in authority in accordance with the decision making requirements of the Regulations, and that I am authorised to sign this notice of acceptance on behalf of the authority.

Name: **[insert name of signatory]**

Title: **[insert role of signatory]** (authorised officer)

For and on behalf of: **Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk**

Date: **[insert date completed]**