

Joint Audit Committee

13 August 2021

Responsible Officer:	Impact on Business:		Risk Register Reference & RAG
Matthew Warren, CFO for the OPCC and Jon Lee Director of Finance & Resources	High		
	Medium	X	
	Low		
Lead Manager:	Report Type:		
	Governance	X	
	Strategic		
	Operational		
Previous papers to Committee:			

Report summary	<p>Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) have notified all government and police bodies that a decision about external audit arrangements will be required in Autumn 2021 for the period commencing 2023/24.</p> <p>The decision will be whether to continue to opt into the PSAA scheme or to procure external audit provision independently.</p> <p>Our current external auditors are the same as Beds and Herts and also Cambs Fire & Rescue. This is favourable for auditing collaborated units across the BCH alliance.</p> <p>It is our intention to opt into the PSAA national scheme, along with Beds and Herts and Cambs Fire & Rescue.</p>			
Related Police and Crime Plan objective				
Action (tick one box only)	Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance <input type="checkbox"/>	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation	To note the update.			