

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**Notice of Decision**

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For Decision or Information	
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TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

We are now approaching the point at which we need to re-tender for External Audit Services. Following the abolishment of the District Audit Service a nationally procured External Audit Service came into existence from 1st April 2016. There are options available on how we procure the next External Audit contract. These include:

- Self-procurement through tendering procedures
- Local procurement with other local government bodies on a geographical basis
- Service-led procurement with other police bodies
- Procurement via a nationally-led process through the LGA.

To self-procure this service would require resource and would not achieve the economies of scale that have been delivered as part of a larger purchasing body.

There has been no appetite to date for either geographically based or service led procurement.

Therefore, without commitment the Chief Finance Officer wrote to the LGA expressing an interest in their nationally led procurement process, by the deadline the LGA set.

Since then the LGA has approached PACCTS to assist in obtaining the Police service as a whole expression of interest. With the exception of a couple of Policing bodies, this expression has now been made.

There may be a requirement to extend the existing contract to 2019/20, depending on how this procurement project develops. This is permissible within the existing contract.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

This will ensure value for money and economies of scale in the procurement of the External Audit Service Contract, for the new contract commencing 2017/18 (or 2020/21 potentially)

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Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 1.8.16
Chief Finance Office

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

The Commissioner is requested to support the process of procuring External Audit Service, via the nationally led project of the LGA.

OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:  **Chief Executive**

Date: 4/8/16.

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:  **Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

Date: 4/8/16.

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