

**REPORT TO THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**SUBJECT:**

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGE OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2007/2008**

**SUMMARY:**

The Welsh Audit Office (WAO) has proposed that for the 2007/08 accounts and onwards, KPMG LLP be appointed as the authority's External Auditor. Currently this work is carried out by WAO staff. A letter was received from the WAO on 8 May formally consulting the Authority on this proposal. A response was sent to the WAO on 11 June indicating that the Authority would prefer the audit to be carried out by WAO staff.

Copies of the correspondence between the Authority and the WAO, showing the arguments for and against the change are attached to this report.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

OPERATIONAL RISK - None  
COMMUNITY RISK - None  
TRAINING - None  
H.R - None  
FINANCE – None  
EQUALITY & DIVERSITY - None  
HEALTH & SAFETY - None  
LEGAL - None

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

For information

**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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