

Internal Audit Joint Working Protocol between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council

To: Audit & Accounts Committee

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Purpose: To seek Audit & Accounts Committee approval of the attached Joint Working Protocol for Internal Audit.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to approve the Joint Working Protocol for Internal Audit.

1. Background

- 1.1 Given the increasing integration between Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council services and management, Internal Auditors at both sites are progressively finding that their work at one authority may have applicability to systems or processes which are shared across both sites.
- 1.2 The two authorities have a vision: to explore the merits of shared and integrated services to save money, increase resilience and manage the increasing demand on Council services. As part of achieving this vision, the Internal Audit teams at both sites have developed the attached Joint Working Protocol. This protocol provides a basic framework for initial collaboration between the two teams, with a focus on sharing key information and reducing duplication between the two teams, where possible.
- 1.3 It is intended that, if this initial approach is agreed, the potential for further expanding future joint working arrangements will be explored between the two teams.
- 1.4 If this protocol is agreed, the first meeting to discuss joint working will be held after the approval of both plans by their respective Audit Committees.

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