

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Report of the Director and Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report updates the Board on the process for appointing the external auditors for 2009-10 to 2011-12.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board considers the outcome of a reprocurement process and appoints external auditors at the Board meeting scheduled for 28 January 2010.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The appointment of external auditors and approval of the fee is a matter reserved to the Board. It is custom and practice for this to take place at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 The Board agreed in January 2007 that the service should be market tested again for the financial year 2009/10.
- 3.3 A procurement exercise has commenced. A specification for the service is being written. The Board will consider the outcome of this and appoint external auditors at the Board meeting on 28 January 2010.

4. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

Provision for the cost of audit and consultancy services is included in the 2010/11 operating budget.

5. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Board of Derby Homes is required to appoint an external auditor under the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.
- 5.2 Derby Homes Scheme of Delegation, Part A Matters Reserved to the Board, Clause 2 (K) specifies appointing external auditors.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report

- Consultation
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive,
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