

Title of Report:	Referrals Report of Recommendations from the Shadow Executive (Cabinet)	
Report No:	COU/SA/18/010	
Report to and date:	Shadow Council	25 September 2018
Documents attached:	Appendix 1: Shadow Executive (Cabinet) Report No: EXC/SA/18/009 'Recommendations of the Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees: 25 July 2018: Arrangements for Appointment of External Auditors for the West Suffolk Council and West Suffolk Shadow Authority' Appendix 2: Shadow Executive (Cabinet) Report No: EXC/SA/18/010: Transfer of Joint Policies to West Suffolk Council	

(A) Referral from Shadow Executive (Cabinet): 18 September 2018

*(These referrals have been compiled before the meeting of the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) on 18 September 2018 and are based on the recommendations contained within the reports listed below (as shown in **bold and italics**). Any amendments made by the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) to the recommendations within this report will be notified prior to the Shadow Council meeting)*

1. Arrangements for Appointment of External Auditors for the West Suffolk Council and West Suffolk Shadow Authority

Shadow Executive (Cabinet)

Members:

Cllrs Stephen Edwards and Ian Houlder

Report No:

EXC/SA/18/009

Attachment A

Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

Report Nos:

PAS/FH/18/025

PAS/SE/18/024

RECOMMENDED: That

West Suffolk Council

(1) Option 3, to 'opt-in' to the sector led body (Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited) for the independent appointment of the Council's External Auditor, beginning with responsibilities for the financial year 2019-2020, as set out in Report Nos: PAS/SE/18/025 and PAS/FH/18/024, be approved.

West Suffolk Shadow Authority

(2) agreement be given for the External Audit of the West Suffolk Shadow Authority Accounts to be prepared under the Smaller Authority audit procedures, as set out in Attachment A of Report No: EXC/SA/18/009; and

(3) approval be given for the S151 Officer to write to the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) informing them that the West Suffolk Shadow Authority would like to be treated as 'opted in' to the smaller authorities scheme and as such the auditor would be PKF Littlejohn (the appointees for Suffolk).

- 1.1 For ease of reference, the full Shadow Executive (Cabinet) report and its Attachment is attached to this referrals report. If the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) makes any changes to the recommendation to Shadow Council printed in the report, these will be despatched to Members prior to the meeting and published on the Councils' website accordingly.
- 1.2 Whilst being attached to this report, Members may also view the full report and its Attachment, including the original Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee reports on the Councils' website via the above links.

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2. Transfer of Joint Policies to West Suffolk Council

Shadow Executive (Cabinet)

Members:

Cllrs Ruth Bowman J.P and Carol Bull

Report No:

EXC/SA/18/011

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) *the existing suite of joint policies adopted by Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils be transferred to West Suffolk Council, as detailed in paragraph 1.1.3 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/010;***
- (2) *delegated authority be given to Officers, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders, to make necessary minor drafting changes to existing policies and then agree them for West Suffolk Council, as detailed in paragraph 1.1.4; and***
- (3) *delegated authority be given to Officers, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders, to make necessary minor drafting changes and then agree the additional joint policies that are adopted by Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils between September 2018 and March 2019, as detailed in paragraph 1.1.4 and 1.1.5.***

- 2.1 For ease of reference, the full Shadow Executive (Cabinet) report is attached to this referrals report. If the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) makes any changes to the recommendation to Shadow Council printed in the report, this will be despatched to Members prior to the meeting and published on the Councils' website accordingly.
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