

## Notice of appointment of auditor from 2018/19

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 makes provision for the audit of local public bodies. It imposes a requirement on relevant authorities to appoint an external and independent auditor on the advice of an independent auditor panel and to publish information about the appointment within 28 days of appointment.

The Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 make provision for the appointment of a local auditor by a person specified by the Secretary of State to audit the accounts of certain local authorities that choose to opt into such arrangements. In July 2016 Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) was selected by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to take on the role of Appointing Person for principal local government and police bodies.

PSAA consulted on and confirmed auditor appointments from 2018/19 to opted-in bodies in the period August to December 2017, following award of contracts to audit firms in June 2017. The exercise covered all bodies that had opted in before 9 March 2017. The PSAA Board approved all proposed appointments from 2018/19, following consultation with audited bodies, at its meeting in mid-December. PSAA wrote to each opted-in body on 18 December 2017 to confirm their appointment.

The Auditors appointed to Purbeck District Council from the 2018/19 financial year is Deloitte LLP. The appointment is made for the duration of the five year appointing period, covering the audits of the accounts for 2018/19 to 2022/23.

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