

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 16 MARCH 2021 FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2021

A128 **EXEMPT REPORT: PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE DELIVERY OF INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION**

The Assistant Director, Resources presented the report which outlined the options on the provision of the Internal Audit Service Manager.

The Assistant Director, Resources responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Morley, seconded by Councillor Ryves proposed the following recommendation:

“That the Audit Committee recommends to Council, Option 6 with the provision that within a reasonable timescale – 3 months, the Council proceed to test the market to recruit a full time Audit Manager to strengthen the audit function.”

Upon being put to the vote the amended recommendation was lost on the Chair’s casting vote.

Councillor Ryves, seconded by Councillor Morley proposed the following recommendation:

“That as a priority the Council look at the provision of a full time Audit Manager.”

Upon being put to the vote the amended recommendation was lost on the Chair’s casting vote.

Councillor Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Manning proposed that the recommendation within the report with an amendment be recommended to Council:

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that that the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk enters into a Section 111 and 113 Agreement, to become part of Eastern Internal Audit Services (the Consortium) for the provision of Internal Audit Services from 1 June 2021, under the Local Government Act 1972 with the provision that the arrangement be reviewed within an appropriate timescale of 18 months to 2 years.

Upon being put to the vote the above recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED: The Committee support the recommendation to Cabinet as set out below:

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that that the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk enters into a Section 111 and 113 Agreement, to become part of Eastern Internal Audit Services (the Consortium) for the provision of Internal Audit Services from 1 June 2021, under the Local Government Act 1972 with the provision that the arrangement be reviewed within an appropriate timescale of 18 months to 2 years.