


**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u>	
Renew contract with Central Midlands Audit Partnership (CMAP)	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/ Constitution/Minute No. etc.)
DO/90/2025 (VS)	Cabinet meeting 6 th March 2024 3D.2 a) Incur normal expenditure up to the limit of provision within the budgets under his/her control 3D.2 b) Invite and accept tenders or quotations for contracts
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	<u>DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)</u>
15/04/2025	 Victoria Summerfield, Strategic Director – Corporate Resources
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>	
<p>a) The issue</p> <p>Contract with CMAP expired on 31st March 2025 and needs renewing from 2025/26.</p> <p>b) The Decision</p> <p>To renew for a five year period.</p>	
<u>REASON FOR THE DECISION</u>	
Staff were TUPE to CMAP in April 2024 and the internal audit team now has more resilience and new ways of working have been introduced which is providing improved reporting.	
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u>	
Not to sign the contract and bring back in-house but the issues with resilience and the inability to recruit auditors makes this a huge risk around the control environment.	
<u>WARD RELEVANCE</u>	
No specific ward	

<u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u>
Included within the budget approved in February 2025.
<u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u>
Monitoring Officer plus included in documentation for budget so Cabinet aware
<u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u>
<u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).
#N/A
<u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u>
None
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u>
None
<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
Approved budget for 2025/26
<u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u>
None
<u>SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS</u>
None
<u>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</u>
Resilience in internal audit is required to ensure the control environment is managed and risks are recognised, and mitigations are put in place.
<u>SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS</u>
None
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
None
<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>

Compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards is key and now fully supported due to added resilience in the team.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

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MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER**