

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

TO:	AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
DATE:	25 January 2018	AGENDA ITEM:	11
TITLE:	Appointment of External Auditors		
LEAD COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Lovelock	PORTFOLIO:	Leadership
SERVICE:	FINANCE	WARDS:	N/A
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1. AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

- 1.1. For audits of the accounts from 2018/19, Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) is responsible for appointing an auditor to principal local government and police bodies that have chosen to opt into its national auditor appointment arrangements. Reading Borough Council opted into this arrangement.
- 1.2. PSAA wrote to Reading Borough Council on 14 August 2017 to consult us on the proposed appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the external auditor of Reading Borough Council from 2018/19. We responded supporting this proposed appointment.
- 1.3. PSAA have now confirmed the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to audit the accounts of Reading Borough Council for five years, for the accounts from 2018/19 to 2022/23. This appointment is made under regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting on 14 December 2017.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee notes the appointment of EY as set out above.