

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward
Plan Reference**E2731****Audit & Assurance Partnership – Bath & North East Somerset Council and
North Somerset Council**

Decision maker/s	Cllr David Bellotti, Cabinet Member for Community Resources Cllr Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council
The Issue	The creation of a local authority partnership between Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset Councils for the provision of its Audit & Assurance functions
Decision Date	2 nd January 2015
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree: 1. The creation of a local authority partnership between Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset Councils for the provision of its Audit & Assurance functions; 2. That the Strategic Director (Resources) is delegated authority to finalise the contract arrangements on behalf of Bath and North East Somerset Council;
Rationale for decision	To provide resilience and capacity within the Audit and Assurance service whilst delivering savings and new growth opportunities.
Financial and budget implications	The Council retains all existing authority to set its own budget for Audit and Assurance within these arrangements. This partnership takes account of existing MTSRP commitments and existing delegated budgets. In addition a target saving of £30K per annum has been set from the arrangements to be reviewed on an annual basis based on additional growth.
Issues considered	Human Resources; Property; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Audit Committee; Staff; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Directly and through previous Cabinet Report on the Co-operation Agreement with North Somerset Council in June 2014
Other options considered	Retention of current spate arrangements, use of existing alternative partnerships and outsourcing.

**Signatures of
Decision Makers****Date of Signature****Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**