

JOINT BOARD

Monday, 12th September, 2016

Present:-

Councillor Baxter (Chair)

Councillors Dooley
Hill

Councillors Syrett

11 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Burrows and T Gilby.

13 **MINUTES**

The notes and the Record of Decisions of the Joint Board meeting held on 18 August, 2016 were noted.

14 **INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager submitted a report to inform the Joint Board of the Consortium's performance during 2015/16.

The report gave a summary of the progress made with regard to:

- The preparation of Internal Audit Plans for the three Councils
- Changes made to Working Procedures / Improvement Plans
- The Consortium's Financial performance
- Staffing, Training and Development

It was noted that the 2015/16 budget outturn showed a surplus of £63,041; the main reason being due to lower staffing costs. The accumulated surplus at 31 March 2016 was therefore £113,041 (made up of the 2015/16 surplus and £50,000 from previous years.) The purposes

for the retention of part of the surplus and the distribution of the remainder were agreed by the Joint Board in March 2016.

The Risk Register had been updated and this was attached to the report.

It was noted that there would be an external review of internal audit undertaken in October 2016 by Gateway Assure, as was required at least every five years by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards that came in to effect in April 2013. The results of the review will be fed back to each Council's audit committee.

AGREED –

That the annual report of the Internal Audit Consortium be noted.

15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

AGREED –

That under Regulation 21 (1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972' on the grounds that it contains information on consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

16 BUILDING CONTROL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Chesterfield Borough Council Development and Growth Manager submitted a report detailing the current financial position of BCN at the end of July 2016. The report also outlined the progress made towards implementing a unified Building Control service for Derbyshire.

It was noted that the BCN continued to perform well financially and was able to sustain the reduction in authority contributions of £79,275, a reduction of just over 22%.

A new commercial entity under the name The Derbyshire Building Control Partnership had been established and negotiations with the Pension Authority had concluded. The new company would commence operations on 1 October, 2016 with staff transferring to the company on 1 November, 2016.

The Joint Board thanked the managers and staff at BCN for their commitment and hard work.

AGREED –

- (1) That the current financial position of BCN as at the end of July 2016 be noted.
- (2) That the work undertaken in implementing the option for a unified Derbyshire wide service be noted.