JOINT BOARD

Tuesday, 12th September, 2017

Present:-

Bolsover District Council

Councillor Mary Dooley
Councillor Ann Syrett (Chair)

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor Amanda Serjeant Huw Bowen Jenny Williams

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Graham Baxter

23 <u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS</u> RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Gilby (CBC), Councillor B Hill (NEDDC) and Dan Swaine (BDC/NEDDC).

25 MINUTES

The notes and the Record of Decisions of the Joint Board meeting held on 13 March, 2017 were noted.

26 INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM - ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager submitted a report to inform the Joint Board of the Consortium's performance during 2016/17.

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 £52,610; the main reason being due to lower staffing costs from a vacant part-time post. The accumulated surplus at 31 March 2017 was therefore £72,610 (made up of the 2016/17 surplus and £20,000 from previous years.) The case for the retention of part of the surplus and the distribution of the remainder were agreed by the Joint Board in March 2017.

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager informed the committee of the distribution of surplus funding between the three authorities for 2016/17.

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

It was noted that an External Review of Internal Audit undertaken in October 2016 confirmed that the Internal Audit Consortium either met or exceeded expectations.

In addition, it was reported that the remaining vacant post had been filled and that the service is now fully staffed. The Internal Audit Consortium Manager advised that this had increased the resilience of the service.

AGREED:

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