

JOINT BOARD**Monday, 14th March, 2016**

Present:-

Bolsover District Council

Councillor Brian Murray-Carr
Grant Galloway (BDC/NEDDC)
Dan Swaine (BDC/NEDDC)

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor John Burrows
Huw Bowen
Malcolm Clinton
Jenny Williams

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Graham Baxter (Chair)
Councillor Betty Hill

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

No declarations were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dooley.

3 MINUTES**AGREED –**

That the notes and Record of Decisions of the Joint Board meeting held on 9 November, 2016 be noted.

**4 CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE CREDIT UNION -
BUSINESS PLAN 2015 - 2018**

The Joint Board considered the Business Plan of Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union (CNEDCU) for October 2015 – September 2018.

The Business Plan noted that the financial and professional support received from partner agencies had been fundamental in achieving growth and had helped to transform the credit union into an organisation ready and able to expand in the current financial landscape.

The plan outlined the credit unions' mission, aims and objectives and the ways in which the business plan would be delivered. Details were also provided on the three year financial plan and the associated risks, mitigation and contingency plans.

AGREED –

That the report be noted.

5 INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM PROGRESS REPORT 2015/16 AND DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2016/17

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager attended to present a report to update the Joint Board on the progress made by the Internal Audit Consortium during 2015/16 and to seek approval for the business plan (budget) for the Consortium for 2016/17.

The report included a progress summary on:

- future developments for Internal Audit
- the current staffing situation
- the update of working procedures
- performance against the agreed Internal Audit Plans for the 3 councils

It was noted that the revised business plan for 2015/16 now predicted a surplus of £47,970 mainly due to salary savings associated with the deletion of the Deputy Head of Internal Audit post. The estimated accumulated surplus at the end of 2015/16 was £97,970; it was proposed that £20,000 would be retained as a working balance with the remainder (£77,970) distributed to the partner authorities.

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager advised that the draft business plan for 2016/17 had been prepared to achieve a breakeven position at year end (with a sum of £20,000 to be retained as an ongoing working balance).

AGREED –

1. That the progress made by the Internal Audit Consortium be noted.
2. That the decision regarding the appointment of the Internal Audit Consortium Manager be noted.
3. That the revised Business Plan (budget) for 2015/16 and the draft Internal Audit Consortium Business Plan (and associated charges) for 2016/17 be approved.
4. That the Internal Audit Consortium's accumulated surplus at 31 March 2016 (less £20,000 to be held as a working balance) be distributed to the partner authorities.
5. That an annual report on the outcome of the operation of the Internal Audit Consortium for 2015/16 be submitted to the Joint Board following the year-end.

6 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 Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972' on the grounds that it contains information relating to the labour relations within the authority and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

7 BUILDING CONTROL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Chesterfield Borough Council Development and Growth Manager presented a report detailing the current financial position of BCN at the

end of February 2016. The report also outlined the progress made towards establishing a Derbyshire-wide Building Control Partnership.

It was noted that the shell company was now in place and that the only outstanding matter was to properly understand the position on pension's liabilities. This was an active conversation with Derbyshire County Council.

The Joint Board thanked the managers and staff at BCN for their commitment and hard work, and wished the emerging Derbyshire-wide partnership every success.

AGREED –

1. That the current financial position of BCN as at the end of February 2016 be noted.
2. That the work undertaken in developing the option for a Derbyshire wide service be noted.