North East Combined Authority

Leadership Board (Extraordinary Meeting)

7 March 2017

Meeting held Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Nissan Way, Sunderland, SR5 3QY

Present:

Councillor: P Watson (Chair)

Councillors: C Donovan, S Henig, I Malcolm, J McCarty and B Pickard

91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (MEMBERS)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Davey, N Forbes and M Gannon, Mayor N Redfearn and Mr A Hodgson.

92 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

93 INVITATION TO OPT INTO THE NATIONAL SCHEME FOR AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS

Submitted: A joint report of the Head of Paid Service and the Chief Finance Officer (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Members considered the report which invited their decision on the option to opt into the national scheme for appointment of external auditors.

RESOLVED – That the Leadership Board would formally submit a notice of acceptance to the invitation received from Public Sector Audit Appointment Limited for the North East Combined Authority to opt into the national scheme for auditor appointments.

94 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday, 21 March 2017 at 2pm at Northumberland County Council.