

Partnership Management Board 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Dissolution of the Partnership Management Board Report of the Head of Partnership

## Introduction

- The North Yorkshire Audit Partnership was created and took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1999. It was a partnership of the councils, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby, Hambleton, and Richmondshire to provide Internal Audit services.
- 2). It was created using powers in the 1972 Local Government Act.
- 3). Specifically, it is a Joint Committee arrangement (the Partnership Management Board is the Joint Committee) whereby one council becomes the host council (Ryedale DC), providing the essential infrastructure. The partnership provides the designated services, in this case Internal Audit to the partner councils.
- The Partnership operated through a series of Partnership Agreements. The final Partnership Agreement ran from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. There is no further Partnership Agreement to run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.
- 5). Internal Audit at the Partner Councils from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 is being provided by Veritau North Yorkshire. This is a regulated company and each Council has a share in the company. Therefore the principle of shared Internal Audit services has been retained, but is now delivered through another method.
- 6). Consequently there is no longer a need for a joint committee, the Partnership Management Board, for the Audit Partnership.
- 7). The one remaining matter is for the Partnership Board to formally note the dissolution of the Partnership Management Board (the Joint Committee) by reason that the extant Audit Partnership Councils have entered into the regulated company Veritau North Yorkshire for the future provision of their Internal Audit services.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that: -

(i) That the Partnership Board formally notes the dissolution of the Partnership Management Board (the Joint Committee) with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.