

DECISION RECORD

Decision Title:	Appointment of Head of Internal Audit
Decision Maker:	Interim Head of Paid Service
Date of Decision:	11 April 2024
Status:	Implemented
Key Decision:	No
Subject to Call-In:	No

1. The following decision has been taken:

- a) That the Interim Head of Paid Service appoints Veritau to be the Head of Internal Audit for the Combined Authority.

2. Reasons for decision:

The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority needs to ensure that it is safe and legal as it evolves over the coming weeks and months. There is a statutory requirement for the Combined Authority to appoint a Head of Internal Audit in order to comply with its internal audit obligations contained in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

3. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:

Veritau are currently appointed Internal Auditors for the Combined Authority. The Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, who are transitioning into the Combined Authority on 7 May 2024 have appointed RSM. RSM and Veritau are agreeable to this proposed course of action in relation to the appointment of the Head of Internal Audit.

4. Conflicts of Interest and Dispensations:

None.

5. Accompanying Documents:

- *Officer's Report – 20240411 – Officer Decision – Appointment of Head of Internal Audit*
- *Appendices - None*
- *Background Documents – York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Constitution - [YNYCA-Constitution-March-2024.pdf \(yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#).*

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York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

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**TITLE OF DECISION: OFFICER DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF
INTERNAL AUDIT**

**OFFICER REQUESTING: RACHEL ANTONELLI,
INTERIM DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The Combined Authority is required to appoint a Head of Internal Audit in order to comply with its internal audit obligations contained in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the meeting of the Combined Authority which took place on 18 March 2024, Members resolved that Officers could appoint a Head of Internal Audit. The Interim Head of Paid Service has agreed to make this decision.

2.2 The Combined Authority have appointed Veritau as their Internal Auditors and the Office of the Police, fire and Crime Commissioner and the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, who are transitioning into the Combined authority on 7 May 2024 have appointed RSM as their Internal Auditors.

2.3 The Internal Auditors are agreeable in principle to Veritau being appointed the Head of Internal Audit for the Combined Authority as a whole, this appointment being a legislative requirement.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Combined Authority to appoint a Head of Internal Audit in order to ensure that it meets its internal audit obligations.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no additional direct implications arising from the recommended changes.

6.0 COMBINED AUTHORITY AREA IMPACTED

6.1 York and North Yorkshire.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That the Interim Head of Paid Service appoints Veritau to be the Head of Internal Audit for the Combined Authority.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority needs to ensure that it is safe and legal as it evolves over the coming weeks and months. There is a statutory requirement for the Combined Authority to appoint a Head of Internal Audit in order to comply with its internal audit obligations contained in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

9.0 CONSULTATION RECORD

9.1 The Combined Authority, at their Meeting on 18 March 2024, resolved that Officers could appoint a Head of Internal Audit, therefore, no further consultation with the Combined Authority is required in order to make this decision.

10.0 DECISION

Decision of Interim Head of Paid Service	The recommendation is approved.
Date	11 April 2024