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## MERTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP GOVERNING BODY

**Date of Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

**Agenda No:** 7.3

**Attachment:** 11

<b>Title of Document:</b> Appointment of External Auditors	<b>Purpose of Report:</b> For approval
<b>Report Author:</b> Chris Moreton, Chief Finance Officer	<b>Lead Director:</b> Chris Moreton, Chief Finance Officer
<p><b>Executive Summary:</b> The contract for the CCG's external audit expires at the end of financial year in March 2017. A formal procurement has been undertaken to let a new contract from April 2017. The procurement was carried out jointly by the six SWL CCGs. The GB delegated authority for contract award to the Audit and Governance at its meeting on 21 July 2016.</p> <p>After a tender and selection process, the contract was awarded to Grant Thornton LLP on 23 December 2016. The selection of Grant Thornton was unanimously agreed by the six CCGs.</p> <p>The CCG is required to put a public notice on its website as follows:</p> <p><i>Following changes to the local external audit arrangements, detailed in the Local Accountability Act 2014, NHS Trusts and CCGs are required to procure and locally appoint their own auditors for 2017/18 and subsequent years. The CCG has recently awarded a five year contract for the provision of external audit to Grant Thornton LLP, commencing April 1, 2017. It should be noted that Grant Thornton LLP, will be responsible for the audit opinion in relation to the financial period closing March 31, 2017.</i></p> <p><i>The appointment has been made in line with the appropriate procurement requirements after competitive tendering. The appointment was ratified by the Governing Body at its meeting on 23 March 2017 on the basis of recommendations from the CCG's Audit and Governance Committee.</i></p> <p><i>The appointment has been made on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.</i></p> <p>Individual CCG contracts are being drawn up by Grant Thornton.</p>	
<b>Key sections for particular note (paragraph/page), areas of concern etc:</b> All	
<b>Recommendation(s):</b> The GB are asked to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP and approve the public notice.	
<b>Committees which have previously discussed/agreed the report:</b> Audit and Governance Committee, Governing Body	
<b>Financial Implications:</b> The agreed commercial arrangements are in line with the CCG's budget.	

<b>Implications for CCG Governing Body:</b> None other than those reported in the paper.
<b>How has the Patient voice been considered in development of this paper:</b> There are no direct implications on the patient voice from this report.
<b>Other Implications:</b> Appointment of auditors is a legal requirement of the CCG.
<b>Equality Assessment:</b> N/A
<b>Information Privacy Issues:</b> None
<b>Communication Plan:</b> Notification of external auditor appointment is noted on the CCG's website.