Text of email sending invitation to opt in to all principal LG bodies

To: [email address for Chief Executive and Director of Finance for each audited

body]

cc: [monitoring officer]

Date: 27 October 2016

Subject: [Name of audited body]

Invitation to become an opted-in authority

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit

(Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 (the Regulations)

Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA), being an appointing person for the purposes of the Regulations, invites [name of audited body] (the authority) to become an-opted in authority in accordance with the Regulations.

Further information is contained in the opt-in letter and additional information attached to this email. The length of the compulsory appointing period is the 5 consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2018.

A decision to become an opted-in authority must be taken in accordance with the Regulations, that is by the members of an authority meeting as a whole, except where the authority is a corporation sole, such as a police and crime commissioner, in which case this decision can be taken by the holder of that office.

The closing date to give notice to PSAA of the authority's acceptance of our invitation is: **9 March 2017**.

A form of notice of acceptance is enclosed with this invitation to opt in. The notice of acceptance must be sent by email to: appointingperson@psaa.co.uk and must be received before 5pm on Thursday 9 March 2017.

PSAA confirms it is willing to receive notices of acceptance by email to this address and will confirm receipt of all notices of acceptance by email.

Jon Hayes Chief Officer