APPENDIX C

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority - this is a formal communication to the chief executive and chief finance officer to confirm the auditor appointment from 2018/19

Auditor appointment

For audits of the accounts from 2018/19, PSAA is responsible for appointing an auditor to principal local government and police bodies that have chosen to opt into its national auditor appointment arrangements. I wrote to you on 14 August 2017 to consult you on the proposed appointment of Grant Thornton (UK) LLP as the external auditor of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority from 2018/19.

I am writing now following that consultation to confirm the appointment of Grant Thornton (UK) LLP to audit the accounts of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority for five years, for the accounts from 2018/19 to 2022/23. This appointment is made under regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting on 14 December 2017.

Next steps

I have passed your contact details to the appointed firm and they will contact you about the arrangements for the audit in due course. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the appointment, please contact us by email at auditorappointments@psaa.co.uk.

Kind regards

Jon Hayes
Chief Officer

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