

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report is to summarise items requiring approval by the Council of Governors and matters that Governors should note.

2. External Auditor

- 2.1. The Council of Governors approved the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PWC) as external auditor for the Trust in 2016. The contract was for a three year term with the possibility of two 1 year extensions. As the contract expired in November, the Audit Risk and Assurance Committee reviewed and agreed the proposal to agree to a one year extension which would retain PWC in post until November 2020. In advance of then the Council of Governors will be asked to consider whether to extend for a final one year term or undertake a full procurement process.
- 2.2. The Council of Governors is asked to ratify the decision to extend the PWC term.

3. Chief Executive

- 3.1. As you will be aware, Nick will be leaving the Trust to take up a new role as Chief Executive of Oxford Health. Therefore, it will be necessary to undertake a recruitment process to find a replacement. Governors and stakeholders will be invited to be part of the recruitment process which has been scheduled to take place on Thursday 6th March.

4. The Council of Governors is asked to:

- 4.1. Ratify the decision to extend the 1 year contract extension for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP