

Confidential Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee of the City of Holdfast Bay held in the Kingston Room, Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Road, Brighton on Wednesday 15 October 2025 at 6.00pm

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

11.1 External Audit Services (Report No: 358/25)

Motion – Exclusion of the Public (Section 90(3)(k) Order

- 1. That pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Audit and Risk Committee hereby orders that the public be excluded from attendance at this meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer and Staff in attendance at the meeting in order to consider Report No: 358/25 External Audit Services in confidence.**
- 2. That in accordance with Section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to consider the information contained in Report No: 358/25 External Audit Services on the following grounds:**
 - k. pursuant to section 90(3)(k) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item are tenders for the provision of external audit services.**
- 3. The Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied, the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.**

Moved Councillor Snewin, Seconded P Davies

Carried

The term of Council's external auditor, Dean Newbery, will conclude with the completion of the 2024–25 financial statements. A select tender process has been undertaken to appoint a provider for external audit services for the next five-year period. The outcomes of the tender responses and panel evaluations are now presented for the Audit and Risk Committee's information and endorsement of a new external audit provider.

- 1. That Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council the appointment of Bentleys as the external auditor until the completion of the 2029-30 Financial Statements.**

RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE - Section 91(7) Order

2. That having considered Agenda Item 11.1 External Audit Services Report No 358/25 in confidence under section 90(2) and 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Audit and Risk Committee, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the report, attachment and minutes be retained in confidence until a contract for the provision of external audit services has been executed, and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.

This order is subject to section 91(8)(b) of the Act which provides that details of the identity of the successful tenderer must be released once Council has made a selection. In addition, section 91(8)(ba) of the Act requires details of the amount(s) payable by the Council under a contract for the provision of external audit services must be released once the contract has been entered into by all concerned parties.

Moved Councillor Snewin, Seconded P Davies

Carried

CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMED Wednesday 11 February 2026

PRESIDING MEMBER