

Audit and Risk Committee – for decision

Meeting agenda title: ALB Chair's assurance letter

Meeting date: 20 June 2022

Time required: 5 minutes

Presenter: Ailsa Beaton

Approved by: Louise Byers

1. Objective and recommendation

- 1.1. The DCMS group accounts will, as usual, include a Group Annual Governance Statement, signed by Sarah Healey as the Principal Accounting Officer. As part of gaining assurance for this, the Audit and Risk Committee are required to provide an assurance letter signed by the Chair. The letter is attached for consideration by the Committee.
- 1.2. Within the letter this year there three additional areas of assurance requested that have not been included within previous letters. These are:
 - Financial sanctions, Russia: The Director of Finance has reviewed this. We can confirm that we have no concerns regarding any links regarding the Russian sanctions or with any suppliers.
 - The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018: A separate report has been provided on the agenda to give the Committee assurance on our work in this area.
 - The Data Protection Act 2018 and The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003: A separate report has been provided on the agenda to give the Committee assurance on our work in this area. The wording in the draft letter is the standard wording provided by DCMS in their template letter.

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List of Annexes: Annex 1 - DCMS ALB Audit Committee Chair's letter

Publication decision: This report and the annex can be published internally and externally

Outcome reached: