

23 May 2011

Mrs Maureen Wood Joint Committee Secretary Chorley and South Ribble Shared Services Joint Committee Civic Centre West Paddock Leyland Lancashire, PR25 1DN Direct line Email 0844 798 2679 a-shah@auditcommission.gov.uk

Dear Mrs Wood

Chorley and South Ribble Shared Services Joint Committee - confirmation of external auditor

I am writing to confirm the appointment of BDO LLP as external auditor to Chorley and South Ribble Shared Services Joint Committee.

This appointment is made under section 3 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and is for a twoyear period, commencing with the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011.

In the event that BDO LLP is unable to continue with the appointment, one of the panel of jointly appointed Commission officers set out in Appendix 2 to the consultation letter of 15 April 2011 may assist with, or act solely on the audit.

Should you need to contact your auditor, the contact details are:

BDO LLP Attention: Louise Nyland Arcadia House Maritime Walk Ocean Village Southampton, SO15 0AP

Tel: 023 8088 1700 Email: louise.nyland@bdo.co.uk

The audit will be carried out under the Commission's limited assurance approach, which covers bodies whose annual income or expenditure does not exceed £6.5 million. These bodies are required to prepare their annual accounts and annual governance statement in the form of an annual return. The annual return will be sent to you by your auditor.

Please contact me if you need to discuss this appointment further.

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Yours sincerely

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Akhlaq Shah Senior Manager, Audit Regulation

cc Malcolm Thixton/ Louise Nyland, BDO LLP Fiona Blatcher, Audit Commission