

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
27 NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT		AUDIT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
The Joint Independent Audit Committee recommends approval of their revised Terms of Reference to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable and that the JIAC considers adopting the attached Code of Conduct.		
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That:</i> <i>1. the Terms of reference attached at Appendix A be approved;</i> <i>2. the Code of Conduct attached at Appendix B be adopted.</i>	

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.1 The Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) agreed their terms of reference on 29 November 2013.
- 1.2 In line with the Committee's forward plan and based on discussions with the Chairman and members of the committee at the Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee workshop, the Terms of Reference have been revised based on the latest CIPFA guidance¹.
- 1.3 The Committee has reviewed the terms of reference offline, prior to this meeting.
- 1.4 The Committee recommends approval of the proposed Terms of Reference to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable (attached at Appendix A).

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1 The Interim Independent Audit Committee considered and agreed a draft Code of Conduct at their meeting on 28 March 2013. Whilst there is no

¹ CIPFA (2013) Audit Committees. Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police

explicit statutory requirement on them to do so, members of the JIAC are recommended voluntarily to adopt a Code of Conduct which prescribes a set of values, standards and behaviours to guide their conduct.

- 2.2 The Code of Conduct is based on the seven principles of public life published by the Nolan Committee and is attached at Appendix B for consideration.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

None.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES (including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People.)

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Terms of Reference are reviewed on an annual basis.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.