

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT		FINANCE REVIEW	
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT			
The report provides an update on the progress being made on the Finance Review.			
RECOMMENDATION		That the Committee notes the progress made to date and reviews the action plan.	

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The CIPFA FM Review took place during September and October 2015; this was completed through a series of interviews with key stakeholders, supported by an electronic survey that captured the views of transactional finance and managers. 38 people took part in the survey (18 interviews and 20 Electronic Survey).
 - 1.1 The final report (Appendix 1) and a high level action plan were circulated to committee members in February 2016. The next stage was to agree in detail with each individual what activity is required to complete their action/s, and to develop a detailed plan to achieve this.
 - 1.2 The detailed action plan is attached at Appendix 2.
 - 1.3 The detailed action plan is supported by the Project Initiation Document at Appendix 3. This document provides further information on each of the work streams and the associated deliverables. The Project Initiation Document also describes the governance arrangements, and reporting measures.
 - 1.4 The detailed action plan and the Project Initiation Document have been circulated to key stakeholders, to agree timelines and deliverables. The Project Initiation Document provides further information on the planning assumptions which have the potential to impact upon delivery timescales.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications of the report.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable discharge their responsibilities to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force under section 1 (6)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, and the Chief Finance Officer and

Force Chief Finance Officer meet their responsibilities under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 73 of the Local Government Act 1985 and section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 for ensuring the proper administration of the Commissioner and Chief Constable's financial affairs.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

(including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People)

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee will receive an update on progress against the action plan at each meeting. On-going review arrangements for the project are described in the Project Initiation Document.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable include risks on financial procedures and processes as appropriate within the Corporate Finance risk register, with any specific items being included within the force wide register.

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.