

**JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
24 JANUARY 2018**

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SUBJECT		EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017/18 AND ASSOCIATED FEES
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To receive the External Audit Plan for 2017/18		
RECOMMENDATION	That the External Audit Plan 2017/18 be considered.	

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Members will be aware that KPMG LLP was appointed as the External Auditors for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable with effect from 2012/13 for a five year period; this was extended by one year so 2017/18 is the final year.
2. Appended to this report is the External Audit Plan 2017/18.
3. John Machej, Assistant Manager, Public Sector Audit at KPMG will be in attendance to present the report.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The External Audit fee for the financial year 2017/18 is £44,291.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The statutory responsibilities and powers of the External Auditor are set out in the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Local Government Act 1999 and the Audit Commission’s Code of Audit Practice.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

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

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

None planned.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Receiving regular audit reports helps reduce risk to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

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.