Agenda Item No.

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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
27 JANUARY 2020

SUBJECT	**EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019/20 AND ASSOCIATED FEES**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To receive the External Audit Plan for 2019/20	
RECOMMENDATION	**That the External Audit Plan 2019/20 be considered.**

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Members will be aware that Ernst & Young LLP was appointed as the External Auditor for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable with effect from 2018/19 for a five year period.

2. Appended to this report is the External Audit Plan 2019/20.

3. Helen Henshaw, Associate Partner, Ernst & Young will be in attendance to present the report.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The External Audit fee for the financial year 2019/20 is £34,104.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The statutory responsibilities and powers of the External Auditor are set out in the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 and the National Audit Office'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.