Joint Independent Audit Committee Forward Plan

Appendix 1

Task	28-Apr-21	26-May-21	15-Sep-21	11-Nov-21	02-Mar-21
1. Audit Committee Effectiveness					
• Review Forward Plan	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Approve terms of reference, procedure and code of conduct (annually)				✓	
• Carry out self assessment (annually)					✓
• JIAC self assessment action plan	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Hold an annual private meeting between the members of the committee and the external and internal auditors (no other persons present).	✓			✓	
• Determine and deliver training requirements for Audit members as required.	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing
2. Internal Audit					
• Monitor and review summary Internal Audit Reports of PCC and CC (Progress Report and Implementation Progress Report)	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Review Internal Audit Charter			✓		
• Review annual Internal Audit Plan and any revisions	✓				
• Review Internal Audit Annual Reports (both PCC and CC)			✓		
3. External Audit & Inspection					
• Monitor progress of actions arising from external audit reports of PCC & CC	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Agree annual External Audit Plan in respect of the year's accounts and associated fees.					✓
• Report to those charged with governance (inquiries of management)		20/21 ✓			
• External Audit ISA260 incl. value for money conclusion			20/21 ✓		
• Review/take stock of the year's accounts process.				20/21 ✓	
• Consider the Annual Audit Letter and any responses made to the External Auditor's recommendations (as required)			19/20 ✓	20/21 ✓	
• Monitor the implementation of recommendations from HMICFRS/others as required (i.e. those affecting risk, internal control and corporate control)	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Appointing External Auditor, incl. progress updates - as required					
4. Financial Reporting					
• Review accounting policies and consider progress on prior year audit recommendations					✓
• Finance Review - report (summary and actions)	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Consider annual financial statements (draft & final)		✓ (draft) 20/21	✓ (final) 20/21		
• Review the Actuarial Assumptions		✓			
• Review the Treasury Management mid year review report				✓	
• Review the Financial Governance Report (incorporating TM Annual Report)			✓		
• Review the Procurement mid year review report				✓	
• Review the Balance Sheet Report				✓	✓
5. Governance & Standards					
• Advise the PCC and Force according to good governance principles and have due regard to equal opportunities generally (including equalities, anti-discrimination and human rights legislation)	△		△	△	△
• Review any issue referred to the Committee by the PCC, CE, CFO or CC as required	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Review effectiveness of internal controls in line with statutory requirements and good practice	△		△	△	△
• Receive draft and agree final Annual Governance Statement (Preliminary view on potential issues for inclusion in AGS statements in January)		✓ (draft) 20/21	✓ (final) 20/21		✓ (prelim 21/22)
• Receive a report of compliance with governance arrangements, *incl. review and monitoring of Professional Standards.*	✓		✓	✓	✓
• Review Scheme of Arrangements for the discharge of functions (inc Finance and Contract Regulations)			✓ (if req'd)		✓
• Review PCC and Force's approach to anti-fraud, corruption and whistleblowing *(review biennial updates before policy is finalised)*					
• Consider and note the Codes of Corporate Governance	✓				
• Review the Treasury Management Strategy Statement					✓
• Receive an update on progress with transition from the G4S contract	✓		✓	✓	✓
6. Value for Money					
• Oversee arrangements for securing VfM - consider VfM issues on an ongoing basis as part of scrutiny and audit role.	△		△	△	△
• Review the Value for Money Plan	✓				
7. Risk Management & Assurance					
• Review and monitor the PCC and CC's risk management arrangements (including the PCC and Force Risk Management Strategy)	✓		✓ Strategy	✓	✓
• Review and monitor the PCC and CC's Assurance Map	✓		✓	✓	✓
8. JIAC Accountability					
• Hold an annual private meeting of the Committee to assess individual performance of all members (including the Chairman)		✓			
• Re-appointment of JIAC members, tenure/succession planning			✓	✓	
• Chairman's meeting with the PCC and CC, one member may accompany the Chair	✓		✓	✓	✓

Key

PCC - Police and Crime Commissioner

CC - Chief Constable

CFO - Chief Finance Officer

CE - Chief Executive

HMICFRS - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire and Rescue Services

△ Reviewed at every meeting as a core consideration of reports (specific report not necessarily provided).