Agenda Item No

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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ASSURANCE MAP – DASHBOARD**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To review the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's Joint Assurance Map Dashboard and progress on its development & implementation.	
RECOMMENDATION	***That the Committee review the Joint Assurance Map Dashboard.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The most recent Joint Assessment Review (JAR) meeting involving representatives of both the Force and OPCC (DCC, CFO, CEX, FCFO) was held on March 16th, 2022. The content of the assurance map and the progress with its implementation across the operational departments was discussed. Key amongst these discussions were the issues highlighted by the JIAC at their previous meeting on 2nd March. The OPCC raised concerns over the uneven level of engagement with the Assurance Map across the operational departments. Over time this has resulted in the content of the map not providing a sufficiently current / accurate picture of assurance. In addition, it was also noted that the level of consistency of recording the details within each template required improvement.

2. Two significant actions were agreed at the JAR meeting. Firstly, a workshop is to be arranged involving senior representatives of each operational department. The DCC will clarify expectations for the use of the Map and to work through the practical application of the template. The workshop will be led by the DCC with support from the FRPRO and RPO. This event has been provisionally scheduled for April 13th, 2022. Secondly, it was agreed that a bullet-point summary report be routinely provided by the RPO for JIAC, to accompany the dashboard, adding context to help interpret the dashboard's content. This reporting is to commence once the workshop has been completed and each map is confirmed as accurate and current.

3. Since the last review of the assurance map dashboard by the JIAC on 2nd March 2022 there has been no significant change in any of its overall departmental RAG ratings and this was confirmed, at the 16th of March JAR meeting.

4. The current ‘dashboard’ section of the Assurance Map is **attached at Appendix A** to this report. (Any changes made to the dashboard are recorded in its change log).

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are resource implications related to some of the mitigating controls. These are managed by the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Force Chief Officer Group.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Any relevant legal and human rights related risks are included in the PCC/CC’s risk register.

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

Any relevant personnel, equal opportunities and diversity related risks are included in the PCC/CC’s risk register.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The assurance map (Dashboard & Content sections) will be reviewed by the Joint Independent Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management and assurance is an integral part of the Joint Independent Audit Committee’s remit. It is reflected on the Forward Plan accordingly.

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.