JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	**AUDIT COMMITTEE: CODE OF CONDUCT**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To recommend the adoption of a Code of Conduct for members of the Joint Independent Audit Committee.	
RECOMMENDATION	***That the Code of Conduct attached at Appendix 1 be adopted.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

1.1 Whilst there is no explicit statutory requirement on them to do so, members of the Joint Independent Audit Committee are recommended voluntarily to adopt a Code of Conduct which prescribes a set of values, standards and behaviours to guide their conduct. Similarly, members are recommended to adopt a scheme whereby they register and publish any personal interests they might have which might influence, or be perceived to influence, the way they fulfil their role.

1.2 A draft Code of Conduct based on the seven principles of public life published by the Nolan Committee is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration. If adopted, members of the Committee will be required to sign a declaration to abide by the Code and to make a declaration of disclosable interests. Declarations will be published on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

None.

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

None.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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