JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
29 NOVEMBER 2013

SUBJECT	**INTERNAL AUDIT: PROGRESS REPORT**
REPORT BY	**CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To receive an update on progress with the 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan.	
RECOMMENDATION	***That the Internal Audit Progress Report for 2013/2014 at Appendix A be noted.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Chief Financial Officer has a statutory responsibility for ensuring that the financial affairs of the Police and Crime Commissioner are properly administered and, on behalf of the Commissioner, to maintain an efficient and effective internal audit service.

2. RSM Tenon was appointed as Internal Auditors by the former Police Authority from 1 April 2010 for a three year period. RSM Tenon was acquired by Baker Tilly UK Holdings Ltd in the summer 2013.

3. A copy of Baker Tilly's Internal Audit Progress Report for 2013/14 is attached at Appendix A.

4. Suzanne Lane, Audit Manager, Baker Tilly will be in attendance to present the reports.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The contract with Baker Tilly (formerly RSM Tenon) is based on 130 days per annum at £42,210.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The provision of internal audit services is one of the means by which the Police and Crime Commissioner discharges his responsibilities to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force under section 1 (6)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, and the Chief Finance Officer meets her responsibilities under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 73 of the Local Government Act 1985

and section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 for ensuring the proper administration of the Commissioner's financial affairs.

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

There are no specific issues arising from the report.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee will be kept informed of Internal Audit Work throughout the year.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The risks are detailed within the appendices to this report.

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.