

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT		TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CODE OF CONDUCT
REPORT BY		CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To review the terms of reference for the Joint Independent Audit Committee and the Member Code of Conduct.		
RECOMMENDATIONS		<p><i>That:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. the Terms of reference attached at Appendix A be reviewed;</i> <i>2. the proposed amendment to the terms of reference as set out at para 1.2 of the report be approved;</i> <i>3. the Member Code of Conduct attached at Appendix B be reviewed.</i>

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.1 The terms of reference for the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) were originally agreed on 29 November 2013. The terms of reference are reviewed by the Committee on an annual basis. A copy is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2 An amendment is proposed under the 'Accountability Arrangements' section of the terms of reference to include reference to Members alternating their attendance at the Chair's meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. Members will recall that this was amended on the Committee's Forward Plan earlier in the year.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1 Members of the JIAC voluntarily adopted a Code of Conduct on 27 November 2014. The Code is based on the seven principles of public life published by the Nolan Committee and prescribes a set of values, standards and behaviours to guide Member conduct. The Committee

agreed to review the Code on an annual basis. A copy is attached at Appendix B.

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

The Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct are reviewed on an annual basis.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None.

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.