Agenda Item No.

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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
10 JUNE 2020

SUBJECT	**EXTERNAL AUDIT: REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE 2018/19**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To receive the External Audit Report to the Charged with Governance 2018/19	
RECOMMENDATION	*That the External Audit Report to the Charged with Governance 2018/19 be noted.*

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Introduction

1.1 Members will be aware that Ernst & Young LLP (EY) was appointed as the External Auditors for the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable with effect from 2018/19 for a five year period.

1.2 A copy of the External Audit Report to those charged with governance 2018/19 is attached. The report summarises the key findings arising from audit work; on the PCC's and the Chief Constable's 2018/19 financial statements, and to support the 2018/19 Audit conclusion; on the PCC and Chief Constable's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness its use of resources.

1.3 Helen Henshaw, EY will be in attendance to present the report.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The external audit fee for the financial year 2018/19 is £34,104 (£22,554 PCC and £11,550 CC).

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The statutory responsibilities and powers of the External Auditor are set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI2015/234) and Local Audit Accountability Act 2014.

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

Receiving regular audit reports is part of the assurance framework to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

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.