

### **Independent Audit Committee**

Meeting: Thursday 29th October 2020 at 10.00am via Microsoft Teams

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

To record apologies for absence received from members.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest, Equality and Health and Safety Obligations

To receive declarations by members of (a) personal interest [including their nature] and (b) prejudicial interests and to remind members of their responsibility to consider equality and health and safety in all of their decisions.

#### **OPEN AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 3. Open Minute Items [FOIA - Open]

To confirm the minutes of the open items for the Independent Audit Committee meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 To be presented by the Chair.

#### 4. Open Items of Chair's Business [FOIA - Open]

To be presented by the Chair.

## 5. Budget Planning Process and Statement on the closure of the 2019/20 accounts [FOIA – Open]

To present the budget planning process for the coming year and an update on the closure of the accounts

To be presented by Neal Butterworth and Lucinda Hines

#### 6. Annual Governance Statement Timetable [FOIA – Open]

To present the timetable for the compilation of the Annual Governance Statement for the 2020/21.

To be presented by Karen James.

#### 7. External Audit Quarterly Report [FOIA - Open]

To present an update of work of external audit over the last quarter.

To be presented by Alex Walling/Mark Bartlett.

#### 8. Internal Audit Quarterly Update and Highlights [FOIA – Open]

To provide an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Plan over the last quarter. To be presented by Laura Wicks.

#### 9. National Fraud Initiative [FOIA - Open]

To present the timetable for the next upload into the National Fraud Initiative programme.

To be presented by Karen James.

#### 10. Update on Fraud and Corruption Investigations [FOIA – Open]

To provide an update on the number of Fraud and Corruption investigations that have taken place since the last committee.

To be presented by Karen James.

# 11. Annual Review of the Terms of Reference and Operating Principles [FOIA – Open]

To present the Annual Review of the Terms of Reference and Operating Principles for the Independent Audit Committee.

To be presented by the Chair of the Independent Audit Committee.

#### 12. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report [FOIA - Open]

- a. Devon and Cornwall
- b. Dorset

To be presented by Nicola Allen (a) and Julie Strange (b).

#### **CLOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

## 13. Lessons Learnt Following the Close of the Accounts 2020/21 [FOIA – Closed s. 22]

To present the Lessons Learnt following the close of the accounts 2020/21.

To be presented by Neal Butterworth and Lucinda Hines.

#### 14. Closed Minute Items [FOIA - Closed (various)]

To confirm the minutes of the closed items for the Independent Audit Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### 15. Action Log [FOIA - Closed s.22]

To review the action log and receive updates for ongoing actions.

#### 16. Items of Chair's Business [FOIA - Closed (various)]

To be presented by the Chair of the Independent Audit Committee.

# 17. Update from the Head of Legal and Reputational Risk on his Portfolio Area and Ethics Arrangements [FOIA – Closed s.22]

To present a verbal update of the overview of his portfolio area and Ethics arrangements in Devon & Cornwall and Dorset.

To be presented by Mike Stamp.

#### 18. Annual Insurance Claims Data [FOIA – Closed s.22]

To present the annual insurance claims data for the year 2019/20. To be presented by Karen James.

#### 19. Outstanding Audit Recommendation Report [FOIA - Closed s.22]

To present and provide an update on the outstanding audit recommendations. To be presented by Karen James.

# 20.Internal Audit Quarterly Update and Highlights - Appendix B [FOIA – Closed s.33]

To provide an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Plan over the last quarter. To be presented by Laura Wicks.

#### 21. Risk Management Arrangements [FOIA - Closed s.31]

#### a. Dorset OPCC Risk Register

To present the changes to risk management, including corporate risk registers. To be reported by Gavin Bardsley & Chief Superintendent Lyne

#### 22. Force Policy Arrangements [FOIA - Closed s.22]

To be presented by Chief Superintendent Lyne

#### 23.IAC Annual Report [FOIA - Closed s.31]

To present the Independent Audit Committee's Annual Report.

To be reported by the Chair of the Audit Committee.

## 24. Summary update to the Chief Constables and PCC's [FOIA – Closed s.22]

To be recorded from the Chair of the Audit Committee the update to be provided to the Chief Constables and PCC's.

#### **Attendance**

Shaun Sawyer Chief Constable (Devon & Cornwall Police)

Helen Donnellan

Tom Grainger

Gordon Mattocks

Linda Williams

David Bowles

Committee Member

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Simon Bullock Chief Executive OPCC Dorset

Nicola Allen Treasurer (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner,

Devon and Cornwall)

Sandy Goscomb Director of Finance and Resources (Devon and Cornwall

Police Force)

Neal Butterworth Head of Finance (Devon and Cornwall and Dorset Police

Force)

Julie Strange Chief Financial Officer (Office of the Police and Crime

Commissioner, Dorset)

Karen James Head of Alliance Audit, Insurance and Strategic Risk

Jo George Senior Audit Manager

Mike Stamp Director of Legal, Reputation and Risk

Helen Morgan Executive Assistant (Office of the Police and Crime

Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall)

Laura Wicks South West Audit Partnership

Mark Bartlett Grant Thornton

### **Apologies**

Alex Walling Grant Thornton

Steve Mackenzie Interim Assistant Chief Officer (Dorset Police Force)

Fran Hughes Chief Executive OPCC Devon and Cornwall

Steve Lyne Chief Superintendent Dorset Police

Lucinda Hines Head of Technical Accounting

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