

## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **Membership**

The IAC membership comprises of:

- Helen Donnellan (Independent Member)
- Tom Grainger (Independent Member)
- Amanda Gallaher (Independent Member)
- Gordon Mattocks (Independent Member)
- Linda Williams (Independent Member)
- Malcolm Smith (Independent Member)
- Nicola Allen (Treasurer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon and Cornwall)
- Frances Hughes (Chief Executive for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon and Cornwall)
- Alexis Garlick (Chief Finance Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Dorset)
- Simon Bullock (Chief Executive for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Dorset)
- Sandy Goscomb (Director of Finance and Resources for Devon and Cornwall Police)
- John Jones (Finance Director for Dorset Police)

The Chair of the Committee can be contacted [here](#).

#### **Background Information**

The Joint Audit Committee (JAC) Devon and Cornwall and Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) Dorset were formed in October 2012 prior to the election for the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) in November 2012. The establishment of the Committees was in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Code of Practice (FMCP) for the Police Service for England and Wales as published in January 2012.

Appointments were made to the Committees and, to ensure continuity, members were recruited for a mixture of three and five years.

The Committees operated independently of each other and had a number of functions which included the reviewing and consideration of the Statement of Final Accounts, Financial and Treasury Management information, approval of governance items,

consideration of internal control systems, assurance relating to Corporate Risk Management, approval, reviewing and consideration of internal and external audit reports.

The Committees sit in an advisory capacity to both Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables.

All members were recruited from the local community and had extensive finance, audit and scrutiny knowledge and experience. All members served since the Committee's inception in 2012. In October 2014 a shadow Strategic Alliance Audit Committee was formed and operated in parallel to the existing joint audit committees for each organisation.

Arrangements were made for the Committees to meet on a quarterly basis to receive and consider appropriate reports to effectively discharge its responsibilities as defined within the Terms of Reference, thus providing public confidence in the governance of policing in Devon and Cornwall and Dorset.

### **Transition to New Arrangements**

The two Chief Constables and the two PCCs agreed with the recommendation to constitute a new single audit committee to service the four legal entities through the realignment, and renaming of the Strategic Alliance Audit Committee (SAAC), Joint Audit Committee (JAC) and Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC).

Therefore, the existing Joint Audit Committee (JAC) for Devon and Cornwall and the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) for Dorset have been formed into a single Independent Audit Committee (IAC), working across both forces and OPCCs.

The single Independent Audit Committee meets at regular intervals during the year in order to review, scrutinise, challenge and provide reassurance over internal control and governance arrangements across both Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police. They report equally to both Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners.