

DECISION NO: PCCG-2012-017

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE FOR GWENT**

TITLE: Membership of Joint Audit Committee

DATE: 13th December 2012

TIMING: For Strategy and Performance Board

PURPOSE: For Decision

1.	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>That the three provisional appointments to the Joint Audit Committee are confirmed and that approval is given to progress with the appointment of two additional members.</p>
2.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>The Financial Management Code of Practice for the Police Service of England and Wales requires that a Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable establishes an Independent Audit Committee and recommends that this should be a combined body. Following an open recruiting process three of the five independent members of the Joint Audit Committee were appointed, subject to confirmation following the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the first meeting of the shadow joint committee was held on 20th November 2012.</p>
3.	<p><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></p> <p>Confirmation of the appointments to the Joint Audit Committee of Ms Dawn Brace, Mr Roger Leadbeter and Mr Darren Mullan for a period of five years from 30th September 2012 is requested. In addition, approval is requested to progress with the appointment of two other members.</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>Confirmation letters will be sent to the three current members of the Joint Audit Committee. The Chief Finance Officers of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will consider the suitability of other candidates for filling the two vacancies on the committee.</p>
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>Members of the Joint Audit Committee are remunerated at the rate set by the Home Office for Police Appeals Tribunals, i.e., £104.50 for meetings lasting up to 4 hours and £211.50 for meetings lasting more than four hours. No payments are made to cover reading time prior to meetings.</p>

6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u> The Joint Audit Committee is serviced by existing staff.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u> The establishment of the audit committee is a statutory requirement.</p>
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u> This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.</p>
9.	<p><u>RISK</u> If confirmation of the appointments is not forthcoming a new recruitment exercise will need to be undertaken.</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u> This is a public report. It is in the interest of both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to maintain public trust in financial governance.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u> Neil Phillips, Treasurer and Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Nigel Stephens, Assistant Chief Officer - Resources, Office of the Chief Constable.</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u> None.</p>

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Consultation:	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The Treasurer has been consulted on this proposal.	√
OPCC (insert name) The Treasurer has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	√
Legal The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	√
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	√

<p>Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive:</p> <p>I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.</p>
<p>Signature:</p> <p>S A Basso</p>
<p>Date: 09/12/12</p>
<p>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent</p> <p>I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The above request has my approval.</p>
<p>Signature:</p> <p><i>[Handwritten Signature]</i></p>
<p>Date:</p> <p>21.12.12</p>

