**OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

**TITLE: Joint Audit Committee Draft Annual Report**

**DATE: 14th September 2023**

**TIMING:**  **Annual**

**PURPOSE:** **For Consideration and Comment**

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| **1.** | **RECOMMENDATION**  That the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) provide comment on their 2022/23 Annual Report. |
| **2.** | **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**  During 2014/15, in line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountability (CIPFA) best practice, members of the JAC agreed that they would produce an Annual Report to provide the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (Commissioner) and the Chief Constable of Gwent with an overview of their activity for the previous financial year. The Annual Report also sets their priorities for the coming year. |
| **3.** | **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**  **Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report**  The draft report contains details of the activity undertaken by the JAC during 2022/23 and the priorities for 2023/24. The report is still in draft format and will be finalised after the September 2023 meeting. |
| **4.** | **NEXT STEPS**  Once the content of the report and appendices have been approved by the JAC members, subject to the incorporation of any comments made, the report will be amended and finalised. The report will then be provided to the Commissioner and the Chief Constable in order to evidence the activity undertaken by the JAC during 2022/23 and will also be published on the OPCC’s website. |
| **5.** | **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**  During 2022/23, the total cost incurred for the JAC was £7,625.45. This is based on the expenses claimed by members, daily and half daily rates (£211.50 for over 4 hours and £104.50 for up to 4 hours). It also includes the fixed payment of £104.50 (equivalent to the half-day payment rate) provided for preparation time as well as the cost of refreshments. |
| **6.** | **PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS**  Personnel considerations are indicated within the attached report. |
| **7.** | **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**  There are no legal implications as a result of this report. |
| **8.** | **EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**  This report 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.  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. |
| **9.** | **RISK**  There are no risks arising as a result of this report. |
| **10.** | **PUBLIC INTEREST**  This report can be made available to the public. |
| **11.** | **CONTACT OFFICER**  Joanne Regan, Head of Assurance and Compliance |
| **12.** | **ANNEXES**  Appendix 1 - Draft JAC Annual Report. |