

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

TITLE: Joint Audit Committee Draft Annual Report 2018/19

DATE: 4th March 2019

TIMING: Routine

PURPOSE: For Consideration

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) comment on their draft Annual Report for 2018/19.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> 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 and the Chief Constable of Gwent with an overview of their activity for the past financial year and to also set their priorities for the coming year. The final Annual Report will be presented alongside the Statement of Accounts in July 2019.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u>
3.1	Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report The initial draft report contains details of the activity undertaken by the JAC during 2018/19 and has some suggestions on areas for priority during 2019/20. It is requested that further feedback is provided on the suggested priority areas for the coming year and that members consider and suggest any further areas they may wish to include.
3.2	An updated report will be presented to the June 2019 meeting and will also contain the following appendices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Evidence of Compliance with Terms of Reference (ToR) This document will be completed once all meetings in the 2019/19 review period have been held.➤ JAC Self-Assessment Feedback Amendments to the self-assessment form are being considered at the March 2019 meeting. The form will be amended and circulated to members and officers for completion with the outcomes included into the draft annual report.
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u> Feedback received from the JAC on the initial report will be incorporated and a final draft provided to members at the June 2019 meeting.

5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u> There are no financial considerations as a result of this report.</p>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u> There are no personnel considerations as a result of this report.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u> There are no legal implications as a result of this report.</p>
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u> 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.</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> There are no risks arising as a result of this report.</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u> This report can be made available to the public.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u> Joanne Regan, Head of Assurance and Compliance</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u> Appendix 1 – Initial draft JAC Annual Report.</p>