

DECISION NO: PCCG-2013-086

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE FOR GWENT

TITLE: Membership of Joint Audit Committee

DATE: 16th July 2013

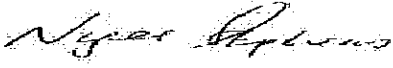

TIMING: For Strategy and Performance Board

PURPOSE: For Decision

1.	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>That confirmation is provided for the appointment of the final two members of the Joint Audit Committee (JAC).</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 JAC were appointed in September 2012 with the first shadow joint committee held on the 20th November 2012.</p> <p>The three initial appointments were approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable on the 13th December 2012.</p>
3.	<p><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></p> <p>A further recruitment process was undertaken during February and March 2013 in order to recruit two further members.</p> <p>One applicant was shortlisted and interviewed with another applicant from the initial appointment process also being re-considered; both of these applicants were successful.</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>Confirmation of the appointments to the JAC of Mr Jonathan Sheppard and Mr Geoffrey Hughes for a period of five years until 30th September 2017 is requested.</p>
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>Members of the JAC 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 JAC 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.</p> <p>Nigel Stephens, Assistant Chief Officer - Resources, Office of the Chief Constable.</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u> None.</p>

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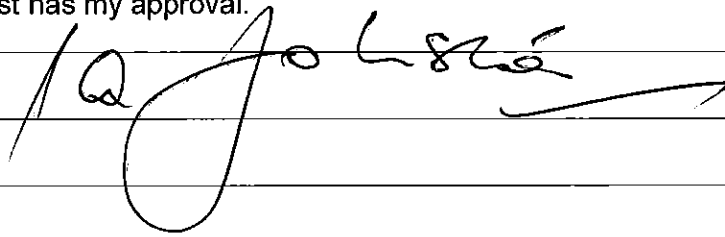
Office of the Chief Constable	
I confirm that the Membership of the Joint Audit Committee report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting. It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval.	
Signature: 	
Date: 10/07/13	
Consultation:	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The 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.	N/A
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive: 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. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.	
Signature: 	
Date: 10/07/13	

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent:

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.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:

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Date: 16/07/13