

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 26th November 2019

Subject: Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee work plan

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Purpose of the Report:

As a result of the ending of the Strategic Alliance, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Constable reviewed the existing corporate governance arrangements and have set up new governance arrangements for the future. The establishment of a new Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee (JASC) is one of the outcomes of this work. The Warwickshire JASC will meet at least four times a year, roughly on a quarterly basis, with the possibility of extra meetings being arranged as and when required. Their role is to provide scrutiny, assurance and resilience to the governance arrangements in place across the PCC and force. To achieve this the development of a draft workplan is suggested to ensure the committee is effective in fulfilling this requirement.

The attached draft workplan has been prepared to outline some of the upcoming reports and agenda items that are envisaged over the next 12 months and is included for further consideration. The committee are asked to comment, amend and adjust the suggested workplan as they see fit and establish any other priorities that they feel may be appropriate for the committee over this period as Warwickshire continues to exit from the Strategic Alliance with West Mercia. This may include any specific training or presentations that the committee may find helpful to increase their understanding of the force and OPCC and which may help them to fulfil their role as a Joint Audit and Standards Committee member more effectively.

Recommendation:

That the Joint Audit and Standards Committee note and comment on the draft workplan, and suggest any changes or additions to the work of the Committee over the next 12 months. The workplan will be updated continually in conjunction with the committee and included for consideration at each JASC meeting.