

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 28th July 2020

Subject: Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee work plan

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Purpose of the Report:

The Warwickshire JASC meets 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. The ongoing review and development of the work plan seeks to ensure the committee is effective in fulfilling this requirement.

The attached draft work plan 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 work plan as they see fit and establish any other priorities that they feel may be appropriate for the committee over this period.

Some basic overview and induction training has already taken place for new members to the Committee, along with an overview on PSD and vetting services. Budget setting and finance training was planned in March, but this was cancelled due to the pandemic. However, the documents were circulated to members for information. Further finance and budget setting training will now be provided later in the year to coincide with the budget planning processes for the 2021/22 budget.

Prior to the formal July meeting, members will receive further training on the role of external audit and the audit process, along with an update on the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts. Further ethics training is planned in October, and other training sessions will be established in line with the committee's comprehensive requirements over the coming months to ensure that all members feel equipped with the right skills and training to carry out their roles effectively.

Recommendation:

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