

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 21st October 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.

A training programme for members has been prepared, and progress has been made to deliver it, with training on PSD, vetting, external audit and some general finance training has been delivered to date. To continue with the programme, further training sessions have been organised this month on ethics and on the 2019/20 accounts. To sit alongside the training and to further enhance the role of the Committee, a strong working relationship has been forged with the Police and Crime Panel, whereby members attend each others meetings, which is helping to provide a more comprehensive overview and robust scrutiny process.

Future 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.