

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 13 January 2021

Subject: JASC Annual Report 2019/20

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Purpose of the Report:

Attached is the 1st Annual Report of the Warwickshire JASC which is in line with best practice and provides a brief summary of the work it has undertaken during 2019/20 to meet its responsibilities set out in the terms of reference and the key areas for focus and further development during 2021. The report covers the period October 2019 to December 2020.

The JASC received and considered reports in the following areas of business in meeting its terms of reference and completing its workplan:

- Internal Control and Governance Framework and arrangements
- Internal and External Audit
- Risk Management
- Assurance Framework
- Transition Programme, Collaborations and Partnerships
- Financial Governance and Reporting
- Capital, Reserves and Treasury Management
- Ethics, Standards and Complaints Handling

During this period the JASC has overseen key developments and improvements in the effectiveness of governance arrangements and, in particular, in the identification and management of key risks to the delivery of strategic priorities and objectives, transition collaborations and partnerships governance, assurance audit and inspections governance and arrangements, and ethics standards and complaints governance and arrangements. The JASC also oversaw delivery of effective internal and external audit services. The content and presentation of covering papers and reports to the JASC was much improved during the period.

In the coming year, the JASC will oversee planned activity to further develop the internal control environment supporting the delivery of policing priorities and

objectives. The JASC has identified key areas of focus for the coming year that will contribute to the effective discharge of its duties and oversee the increase in effectiveness of the PCCs and CCs governance, risk management and internal control arrangements.

The JASC Chair would wish to place on record his thanks to all members, attendees and the secretariate who have contributed to the important work undertaken by the committee over a very difficult and busy period.

Recommendations:

- a) To note and agree the contents of the report.
- b) To discuss and agree the key areas of focus for 2021.