

## Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

**Meeting Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**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 7 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, ethics, external audit and general finance training has been delivered to date. The committee have also received various informal updates prior to the formal meetings on the transitional arrangements following the end of the strategic alliance and on finance matters. 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 other's meetings, which is helping to provide a more comprehensive overview and scrutiny process.

The dates and timing of future meetings may need to be reconsidered in the light of the proposed changes to the draft accounts publication regulations by MHCLG. This has been referred to on the executive summary for the terms of reference report to this committee, and the outcome of the consultation process is awaited, but there is some degree of confidence that the changes will be implemented. If this is correct and changes are implemented, future meeting dates will be discussed and agreed with the chair of the Committee. At that point the workplan will be fundamentally updated to ensure that a full 12 month period is covered, but given this uncertainty there seems little value in extending the current workplan to a 12 month period at this stage.

### 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 committee are also asked to note the potential for the change in meeting dates. Further details will be shared with members, via the chair if changes need to be made. The work plan will be updated continually in conjunction with the committee and included for consideration at each JASC meeting.