

Agenda item: 13**Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary****Meeting Date: 5 July 2021****Subject: External Audit progress report and sector update****Contact details: Jackson Murray / Andy Reid****Purpose of the Report:**

To provide an update on the progress of the 2020/21 financial statements and value for money audits and to provide links to publications, news and reports that may be of interest to members of the JASC.

Recommendation:

To note and comment upon the contents of the progress report and sector update.

Background:

As external auditors, we have statutory responsibilities to undertake an audit of the Group/PCC and Chief Constable financial statements. We are also required to provide a commentary on the arrangements in place at both to secure value for money. This report sets out the progress against these responsibilities for JASC members to consider.

To assist JASC members in fulfilling their duties, we also bring to your attention various developments and reports from the policing and external audit sector.

Executive summary

The audit remains on track and is currently planned to be undertaken over the Summer with a view of completing the audit prior to the end of September 2021. Interim visits have taken place and the Joint Audit Plan is included as a separate agenda item which summarises the work undertaken to date and the risks identified from this.