

## **Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary**

**Meeting Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Subject: Joint Audit and Standards Committee Workplan**

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### **Purpose of the Report:**

The work plan is intended to provide an overview of the upcoming reports for future JASC meetings, and to give members an opportunity to comment and amend the work plan if required.

### **Recommendation:**

The Committee are asked to consider the draft work plan over the next twelve months, note its content and suggest any amendments as necessary.

### **Background:**

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.

### **Executive summary**

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.

More informal pre-meet sessions for members take place, to address issues on the Committees training plan. Sessions delivered to date include training on PSD, vetting, ethics, external audit and general finance updates. The committee have also received regular informal updates prior to the formal meetings on the transitional arrangements following the end of the strategic alliance and on governance and financial 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 work plan should provide coverage to meet all the requirements of the JASC's terms of reference, and is updated each quarter.

It should be noted that the 2020/21 audit of the Statement of Accounts for the PCC and Force is not yet completed and the intended reporting of them to the September meeting is therefore not possible. These items are highlighted on the work plan, and will need to be considered at a future meeting. The timing of this will be dependent on progress with the audit and will be kept under consideration. The chair of the JASC will be kept informed of progress and an additional special meeting may be required before Christmas to receive these reports.