

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 16th March 2022

Subject: Joint Audit and Standards Committee Terms of Reference review

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Purpose of the Report:

The current terms of reference for the Joint Audit and Standards Committee are included for consideration, comment and agreement, as part of the annual review process to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

Recommendation:

That the Joint Audit and Standards Committee review the attached document, consider the proposed amendments, and agree the terms of reference for the committee.

Background:

A review of the terms of reference was last undertaken in March 2021. This document has been amended based on discussions between and with the Committee, and also based on the observations and comments made in the Annual report made by the Committee chair, and presented to this committee at its last meeting in January 2022.

Executive Summary:

The corporate governance framework commits to an annual review of the terms of reference for the Joint Audit and Standards Committee. The terms of reference were last reviewed in March 2021. Some of the suggested changes have been discussed informally with the chair and committee members and also follow observations and recommendations made in the chair annual report on effectiveness, which was discussed at the meeting in January. Some of the suggested changes relate to the inclusion of some new subject areas including Estates and environmental management, equality, diversity and inclusion, HR practises, sustainability and health and wellbeing. These topics will bring the terms of reference for this committee in line with those of other similar committees in other force/PCC areas.