

## Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

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### Purpose of the report

This report summarises the results of Internal Audit work during 2022-23 and as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 gives an overall opinion of the control environment that operated during 2022-23 in respect of Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

### Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the report.

### Background

Paragraphs 13-20 of the JASC Terms of Reference, set out the Committee's responsibilities in relation to Internal Audit. In particular, this includes consideration of the Head of Internal Audit's annual report and opinion, the Head of Internal Audit's Statement of the level of conformance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, Local Government Application Note and the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme.

### Executive Summary

Over the year Internal Audit has undertaken sufficient assurance and other work to provide an evidenced opinion on the governance, risk management and control arrangements of the Force and OPCC.

Quality standards have been maintained and work has been undertaken in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

Where weaknesses have been identified, they have tended to relate to specific parts of the organisation rather than an across the board breakdown in controls. There were no Limited assurance audits this year and in general terms, controls are sufficient to prevent or detect serious breakdowns in systems and procedures.

Based upon the results of work undertaken during the year my opinion is that the control environments operated by Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioners and

Warwickshire Police provide Substantial assurance that the significant risks facing their respective organisations are addressed. This is an improvement on the level of assurance as given in the 2021-22 annual opinion.