**JOINT independent AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 10.00am in the Ribble Suite, The Exchange, County Hall, Preston**

**MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**(APPENDIX A REFERS)**

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| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**The Committee's membership and Terms of Reference for the period 2023 to 2027. **RECOMMENDATION**The Committee is asked to note the membership and Terms of Reference of the Joint Independent Audit Committee. |

1. **Background**
	1. At the Accountability Board in November 2022, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable agreed to establish a new Joint Independent Audit Committee.
	2. It was agreed that the Committee will comprise of a chair and four members appointed jointly by the PCC and the Chief Constable, but who are independent of the PCC and Chief Constable.
	3. Members of the Committee were recruited through open competition, in conjunction with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable or their representatives to ensure that the Committee has all the necessary skills and experience to fulfil its terms of reference, in accordance with the job description. The following members have been appointed;

John Baker

Stephen Dunstan

Claire Hounslea

Paul Richardson (Chair)

Margaret Rawding

* 1. The Committee's Terms of Reference were approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable on the 16 November 2022. A copy is attached at Appendix A.

1. **Links to the Police and Crime Plan**
	1. The Joint Independent Audit Committee provides a mechanism through which assurance can be sought and the public assured with regards to the probity, regularity, and value for money of resources deployed in the pursuit of the Police and Crime Plan.
2. **Consultations**
	1. None
3. **Implications**
	1. **Legal**

The Terms of Reference form part of the Joint Governance Framework

* 1. **Financial**

There are no financial implications in considering this report.

* 1. **Equality considerations**

There are no direct Equality implications in the consideration of this report.

* 1. **Data Protection Impact Assessment**

There are no direct Data Protection implications in the consideration of this report.

1. **Risk Management**
	1. None
2. **Background Papers**
	1. Decision Report – 14 November 2022
3. **Public access to information**

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Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.