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**REPORT TO: JOINT AUDIT & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 10 September 2018**

**REPORT AUTHOR: Grant Thornton, external auditors**

**SUBJECT: AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2017/18**

**Appendix A refers**

## **1 Issue for Consideration**

1.1 The External Auditor's Audit Findings Report for 2017/18.

## **2 Recommendation**

2.1 The Committee is asked that

(1) the report be received;

(2) the External Auditor's overall findings on the 2017/18 accounts; his plans to issue an unqualified opinion be noted; and

(3) the approval and signature of the 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement, Statements of Accounts and Letters of representation be noted.

## **3 Background**

3.1 The Auditor's Audit Findings Report is attached at Appendix A.

3.2 The report summarises the findings from the audit of the 2017/18 financial statements of the Group, of the Commissioner and of the Chief Constable and the results of the Auditor's work to assess arrangements to secure value for money (VFM) in the use of resources. The Auditor plans to issue an unqualified opinion on the financial statements, and an unqualified value for money conclusion.

- 3.4 The Auditor met the Commissioner and Chief Constable, as those charged with governance, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to set out these findings.

#### 4 Implications

<b>Financial:</b>	
<b>Legal:</b>	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	
<b>Risks and Impact:</b>	
<b>Link to Police and Crime Plan:</b>	Provide the public with confidence in the performance of his duties by the Commissioner and his office

#### 5 List of attachments / appendices

- Appendix A: External Auditor's Audit Findings Report for 2017/18

#### 6 Background Papers

- 2017/18 Statement of Accounts PCC, Group and Chief Constable
- 2017/18 Letter of representation from the PCC and the Chief Constable

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