





DECISION: 13/2022	DATE: JULY 2022 ²⁵
TITLE: JOINT AUDIT & ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	
REPORT BY: ANGELA HARRISON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OPCC AND GILLIAN ROUTLEDGE, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY	
Executive Summary This report sets out a proposal to extend the contracts of three of the current members of the Joint Audit & Ethics Committee to 31 st March 2023. This will facilitate the review of the committee to be completed and any transition to new arrangements to take place.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable are recommended to agree to extend the appointment of the three Members for a further 12 months on the same terms	
Signature 	Signature 
Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Constable
Date: 11/7/22.	Date 25/07/22

PART I

1. Background and Advice

2. The Financial Management Code of Practice for the Police Service of England and Wales sets out a requirement for all Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) and Chief Constables (CC) to establish an independent audit committee. The Joint Audit and Ethics Committee is key to the PCC's and the CC's delivery of effective governance, assurance, risk management and statutory financial duties.
3. The Joint Audit and Ethics Committee was established in 2014 and has run as a combined committee since then. Whilst there is a lot of business that runs through the agenda for the joint Committee, it is suggested that the ethics side of the business requires a review and a decoupling from the audit side of the business. Officers intend to bring to the PCC and the Chief Constable proposals for a new Audit Committee in October 2022 and new proposals for the Ethics Committee in December 2022 with a view to both new Committees being up and running in a decoupled form from 1st of April 2023.
4. In that light and in any event, this report asks for an extension of term for three members in order to facilitate continuity of the current set up until 1st of April 2023.
5. The three members for whom the extension is proposed are:

Mr David Jones
Mr Russ Weaver
Mr Stephen Dobson

6. The Members have played an important role in the Committee and have provided independent scrutiny and challenge, regularly attending the Committee meetings and training events and will provide some continuity of knowledge, skill and experience during the review.
7. Each member's term ended on 31/3/2022 and the proposed extension to 31/3/2023 will enable the new arrangements to be put in place.
8. All three members have indicated they are willing to serve as committee members to 31 March 2023. These three members will then retire as they will have exceeded the allowable terms.

9. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The Joint Audit and Ethics Committee helps build trust and confidence with the public of Lancashire.

10. Consultations

None

11. Implications

a. Legal

There are no legal comments associated with this paper.

b. Financial

None to consider.

c. Equality considerations

There are no direct Equality implications in the making of this decision.

d. Data Protection Impact Assessment

There are no direct Data protection implications in the making of this decision.

12. Risk Management

None


13. Background Papers

None

14. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

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Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 11.07.2022
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	

Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)

I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

Signature  Date 25.7.22