

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AND
HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2016

INTERNAL AUDIT BENCHMARKING

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, HAMPSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Committee will recall that as Internal Audit service is provided via the Joint Working arrangement, it was agreed that regular benchmarking should be undertaken to compare the number of audit days and price paid for Internal Audit services. This report proposes a method for undertaking a benchmarking exercise.
- 1.2 Hampshire Constabulary tends to rely on the HMIC Value for Money Profile to provide benchmarking data to allow comparisons of costs and staff numbers, however, the HMIC Value for Money Profile does not show Internal Audit costs as a specific category. Hampshire Constabulary is not part of any other benchmarking club that could readily supply the information desired to make comparisons. Therefore, after discussions between officers, the proposal is that Hampshire Constabulary approaches forces designated by HMIC as in the 'most similar group' (MSG) in order to gather information for comparison. The current MSG forces are Hertfordshire, Sussex, Essex, Leicestershire, Thames Valley, Avon & Somerset and Staffordshire.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that:

- 2.1 The Chief Finance Officer for Hampshire Constabulary is asked to contact MSG forces to ascertain the costs paid and number of internal audit days received.

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