

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and
Hampshire Constabulary**

Item: 13

Joint Audit Committee

31 May 2018

Annual Internal Audit Report and Opinion 2017/18

Report of the Chief Internal Auditor

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Joint Audit Committee with the Chief Internal Auditor's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the frameworks of risk management, internal control and governance operated for the year ending 31st March 2018.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Joint Audit Committee considers and makes recommendations as appropriate, on the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report and opinion statement for 2017/18.

3. Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Report and Opinion

3.1 In accordance with proper internal audit practices, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written report reviewing the effectiveness of the systems of internal control operated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Hampshire Constabulary and this provides evidence to support the production and review of the Annual Governance Statement.

3.2 The Annual Report for 2017/18 provides the Chief Internal Auditor's opinion on the systems of internal control and summarises audit work from which that opinion is derived for the year ending 31st March 2018.

3.3 The Joint Audit Committee's attention is drawn to the following points:

- Internal audit was compliant with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards in 2017/18;
- The revised internal audit plan for 2017/18 has been substantially delivered;
- The framework of governance, risk management and management control is considered to be adequate and audit testing has demonstrated controls to be working in practice. Assurance over the ICT and information management services provided as part of the collaborative arrangements with Thames Valley Police for 2017/18 has been obtained from the Thames Valley Police Joint Internal Audit Team.

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- Where internal audit work identified areas where management controls could be improved or where systems and laid down procedures were not fully followed, appropriate corrective actions and a timescale for improvement have been agreed with the responsible managers.

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APPENDICES

***Appendix A* = Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Report and Opinion 2017/18.**

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