

**MEETING:** Joint Audit Panel  
**DATE OF MEETING:** 30/01/2023  
**CHAIR OF MEETING:** Peter Morris, Joint Audit Panel Chair

#### **ITEMS APPROVED**

##### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

##### **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference were reviewed and approved unchanged however there was a discussion on the relationship with the GMCA Audit Committee. The panel agreed to the approach set out to the GMCA Audit Committee in January including providing a chair's update after each meeting, an annual report from the panel chair to the GMCA Audit Committee which will be presented by the chair and the consideration of joint working and future training events.

##### **Internal Audit Charter**

The Internal audit charter was approved unchanged.

#### **ASSURANCE RECEIVED**

##### **Current GMP Issues**

The Panel received an update on the current issues and challenges facing GMP. This included an opportunity to meet ACO Dougie Henderson who is the new Director of IT and Digital for the force. ACO Henderson gave some details on his background and described the issues he has identified in his time to date with GMP.

The committee received assurance on the work ACO Henderson is leading and looks forward to receiving updates.

In addition to the detailed discussion on digital the committee was assured on progress in recruitment of new officers under the Police Uplift (PUP) programme.

**Budget Update**

The Panel has asked for a budget update to be a standing item on the JAP agenda whilst the financial recovery programme is in place. The Panel consider financial risks to be at the upper end of the range in the very challenging economic environment. ACO Cosh and GMCA Treasurer Steve Wilson outlined the latest, improving position and the governance arrangements in place to oversee the delivery of the recovery plan including the role of the Deputy Mayor's Executive and the Chief Constable.

*The Panel look forward to an update at their next meeting.*

**Risk Update**

The Panel noted the risk update and the ongoing work to review GMP risks. The Panel will be receiving the updated Strategic Risk Register at its next meeting.

**External Audit Progress Report**

The Panel noted the expectation that the final audit position for 2021/22, the annual report and the VFM report will be reported to the next meeting due to delays in final audit sign off as a result of audit of pensions.

**Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Panel received an update on progress of the internal audit plan for 2022/23 and the outcome of a limited assurance opinion on the specialist equipment uniform

**ITEMS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**

**Inspection Reports and Other Sources of Assurance**

The Panel received a report from the GMP Force vetting officer in response to the HMICFRS report into vetting, misconduct and misogyny in the police service.

The committee was provided with details of the recommendations from the HMIC report and the GMP response.

**Other Private Items**

The committee also received reports on the GMCA Police, Crime & Criminal Justice risk management framework and the JAP action tracker updates.

RISKS IDENTIFIED	
RISK	MITIGATING ACTION
Other than the risks identified on the risk register there were no additional risks identified at this stage	

**ITEMS FOR ESCALATION TO THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- The Joint Audit Panel agreed the approach to joint working set out at the GMCA meeting in January 2023. This will be reviewed by both the GMCA audit committee and the JAP in 12 months' time.
- Work to review the GMP risk register

Peter Morris

Chair of Greater Manchester Joint Audit Panel (Police and Crime)